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SPECIAL ELECTION

Center gains support

Chamber announces 'firm, positive stand'

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce formerly announced its "firm, positive stand" Wednesday on the Joplin Civic Center proposal.

The proposal, spearheaded by both Missouri Southern and the city of Joplin, will be voted on during a special election March 5. If passed by city voters, the Joplin Civic Center, which was announced as the official title, will be funded by a three-eighths of a cent sales tax over a 14-year span.

Besides the center project, the Chamber released its stand on the Joplin R-8 School District's proposal for new building programs, which would be funded through a citywide property tax on the April 2 ballot. (See related story, page 7.)

Rob O'Brian, Chamber president, said both projects would cost the average family around \$1 a day.

O'Brian also said after the Chamber's board of directors met with representatives from the education, government relations, and Vision Joplin committees, along with the Joplin business and industrial development committee, it voted to support both projects after lengthy consideration.

"We discussed the impact these projects would have on the community," O'Brian said. "We also discussed the enhancement of the quality of life that these two projects could have on our future. Then it came down to whether these projects do merit the investment that the community is being asked to make."

"The board has overwhelmingly endorsed the construction of the Joplin Civic Center and the building projects for the Joplin R-8 schools."

The Chamber board considered the possible economic

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Civic Center could help local businesses

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Area businesses are looking at the proposed Joplin Civic Center with a vast interest regarding the city's economy.

Matt Knechtel, assistant general manager of the Drury Inn on Range Line, said he was split on whether the center would benefit the chain's business.

"It would be good to bring people in and increase the flow

through Joplin with events and conventions," Knechtel said. "At the same time, if you keep on raising the sales tax, conventions just don't go to that town anymore because it is overtaxed."

Knechtel said the proposed three-eighths of a cent sales tax increase should not affect the hotel's business.

"We are pretty much a business hotel," he said. "We are sold out Monday through Thursday with business travelers. It may help the weekend business, if we

would get conventions, rodeos, or any major event."

Ed Carlisle, general manager of Hampton Inn on 36th Street, said Joplin's location makes it easier for travelers to stop and spend the night.

"As the Chamber [of Commerce] stated, we just do not have a facility to hold a large number of people," Carlisle said. "There is a big area to draw from

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Congregation interested in using facility

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

A local church already has expressed some interest in using the proposed Joplin Civic Center to accommodate its overflowing congregation.

College Heights Christian Church, which has served the Joplin community for more than 25 years, is pondering the idea of renting the center to house special holiday services such as Christmas and Easter.

Randy Gariss, College Heights minister, said the church is looking for new options for Sunday services because of rapid membership growth the past three

years. Membership has increased from 900 to more than 1,200.

College Heights already holds three Sunday services and may have to add a fourth, which triggered the idea of renting the civic center.

"Right now it is only speculation at best," Gariss said. "With a chance of adding another service, we are looking at our options. One option is to build our own auditorium, and another option is to rent something already built, like the proposed center. The center would be a definite option for us."

"We have the plans drawn up for our own auditorium, but the question remains: Do we want to build something which would

cost money, or do we want to rent a facility for an occasional Sunday service?"

Jay Cruse, an elder of the church, said the best aspect of holding services at the center is that it would give church members a place to gather as one and worship.

"That would be a great use for a facility like that," Cruse said. "Right now, we have to worship at three different times, but it would be nice to get together three or four times a year in such a place."

In the past, the church has used the chapel at Ozark Christian

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POLITICAL GAMES



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From left, Student Senators Brandon Fuhr, Josh Phillips, Julie Chapman, and Kim Jones enjoy Missouri Southern's victories over Southwest Baptist University Wednesday at Young Gymnasium.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Campus renovations continue

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Construction of the Joplin Civic Center may not be the only future business around Missouri Southern for contractors. Four other projects are in the works to expand and renovate the campus.

On Wednesday, bids were made for approximately \$400,000 worth of renovations for Reynolds Hall.

"It's really hard to point to what will be done," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant. "There's a variety of things that need to be done."

Originally, four "prime" bids were to be made, but only two were made.

"We are looking to remodel and upgrade the older portion of the building," Beeler said.

"We want to renovate all the tiered lecture halls," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "In the process we are going to carve out some office space."

The lecture halls will have new seating and lighting, a video projection system for VCRs or computers, and sound absorbing tiles.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Wind chill factors in College closure

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rumors abounding across campus this week that the College closed Friday due to a shortage of fuel have been proven false.

"The College closed because of the wind chill and the inclement weather," said Bob Beeler, physical plant director. "The forecast Thursday night indicated an abundance of snow to the south and the east. The president (Dr. Julio Leon) was concerned about people driving from long distances."

Charles Kemp, head librarian, closed the library one hour early Thursday night because of the bad weather. However, the College did switch to its reserve fuel tanks on Friday, Beeler said.

Beeler said Southern is on a firm gas nomination system. This means the College buys gas through a

Chemistry labs, especially Room 123, will have benches replaced and a new fume hood installed.

Additionally, new sinks and other case work will be done "all over the place," Beeler said.

He also dispelled rumors about the stagnation of the finishing of the Student Life Center and said it is "right on track."

"We have a timeline established," Beeler said, "and we're pretty much on schedule."

"Our target is for it to be available for the start of next year," Tiede said.

Beeler said most of the heating and air conditioning had been finished, along with most of the electric work.

If the Joplin Civic Center becomes a reality, additional seating could be added to the visitors' side of Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

"There's a desire to tie the two together using separate funds, of course," Beeler said, "but there is not anything being done immediately."

Currently, any activity at the stadium is to utilize the storage facilities under the visitors' bleachers. This will not affect the seating, Beeler said. □

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Lions' men rank high in MIAA survey of graduating transfers

"We tell our players from day one to use basketball as a vehicle to get your education. We'd love for every one of our players to leave here with a diploma."

Robert Corn
Head men's basketball coach

Study places Southern second out of 11 schools

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last month, the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association released an academic study of men's basketball transfers, and Missouri Southern finished with the second highest overall success rate from 1990-95.

Of Southern's 17 men's basketball transfers, 13 have either graduated or are still in school, a 76.5 percent potential success rate. The conference average is 40.7 percent.

Robert Corn, men's basketball coach, said the results of the survey were pleasing, yet expected.

"We tell our players from day one to use basketball as a vehicle to get your education," he said. "We'd love for every one of our players to leave here with a diploma."

One reason for the excellent ranking has to do with the fact that Southern offers a fifth-year scholarship to several athletes

who have just one or two semesters remaining.

Corn credited the administration's support for part of the success.

"One thing that really helps is I think we have tremendous administration support," he said. "Our administration is very conscious of this and very supportive of what we're trying to do."

Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, also praised the support of the administration.

"In terms of pressure [to perform well academically] from the administration, there is not that kind of pressure," she said. "We have a pattern here at Missouri Southern [for consistency]. We've never put ourselves in a position where we've had to be pressured."

Beard expressed that the athletic department recognized the men's basketball coaches for a job well done.

"I really matters when Robert and [assistant coach] Mike [Wilson] go out and recruit," she said. "When they're talking to a student, they're talking to a student rather than just some guy that's going to come in and play ball for them and then leave."

"This kind of thing doesn't just happen,

especially in a school that doesn't have the same entrance standards that a Northeast [Missouri State University] or a [University of Missouri] Rolla might have."

Corn said he gives much of the credit to Wilson.

"Mike Wilson works very closely with the academics," he said. "We try to make sure we do our homework and bring young men in here who are serious about their academics and about getting a degree."

"We try to make sure we have a program," he said, "and graduating our players is part of our program. It's something we work at."

Also recently released were the NCAA's mandatory persistence rates. The report, which began keeping tabs in 1991, showed that 52 percent of freshmen athletes entering Missouri Southern in Fall 1991 are still enrolled.

The rate of students overall at the College is 51 percent from that year. The persistence rate does not include transfers.

In a 1990 College study of 1983 freshmen, 59 percent of athletes graduated (including transfers) compared to just 34 percent for the entire campus. □

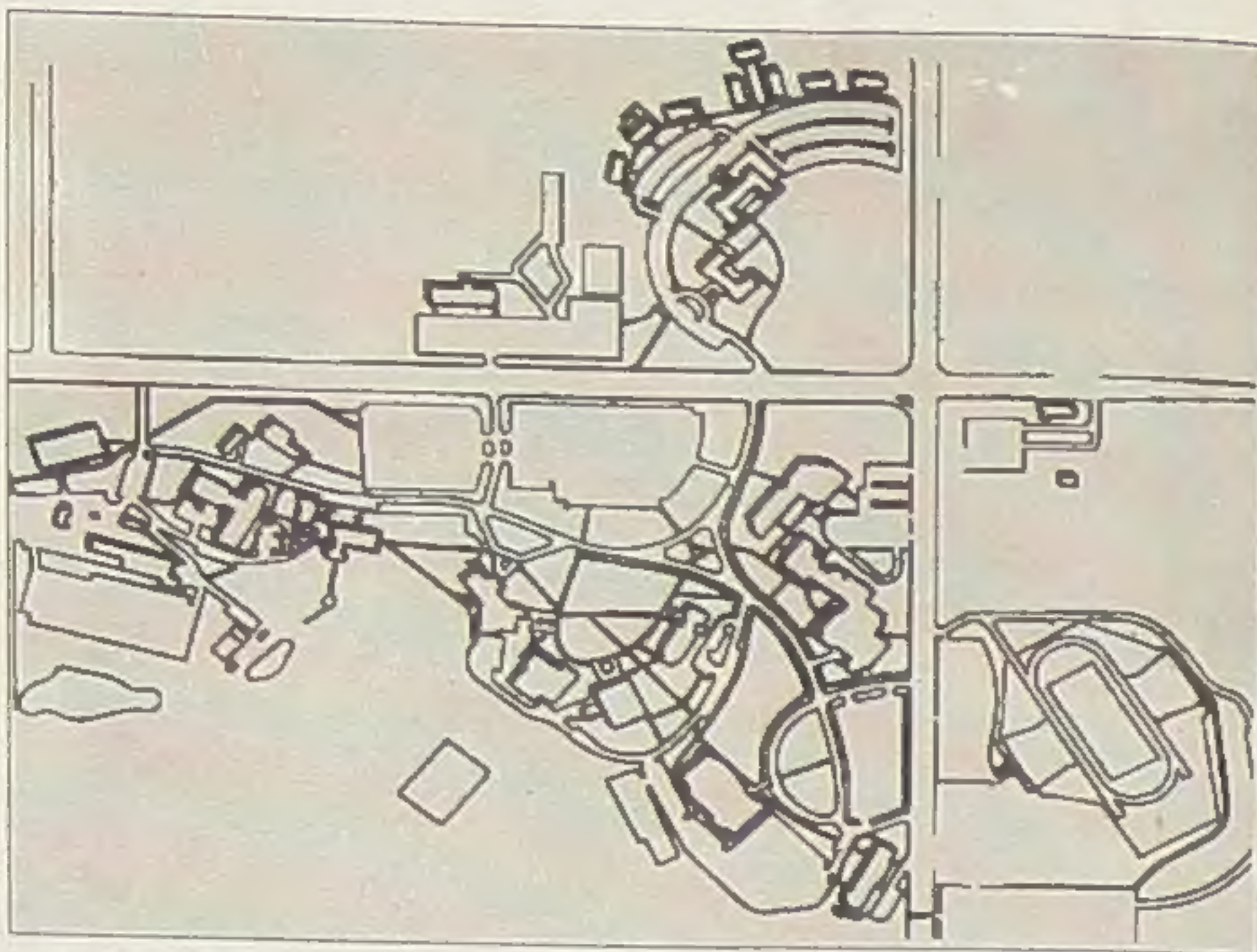
INTELLIGENT RECRUITING

Results of a conference survey concerning men's basketball transfers from 1990-95.

MIAA	
Total # of transfers	243
Graduates	18.1%
Left school without diploma	59.3%
Missouri Southern	
Total # of transfers	17
Graduates	35.3%
Left school without diploma	29.5%

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

SECURITY REPORT



Campus claims crime-free week

For the first time in a long time, the Missouri Southern security office has seen a week go by without having to issue a single security report.

Bill Boyer, director of campus security, said he could not remember the last time the campus has not had a reported incident.

Boyer came to the College in 1987. "Usually, not a week goes by where we don't have problems," he said. "We have had to take care of problems ranging from car accidents to disputes between loved ones. We try our best to protect the campus in all aspects."

Boyer said it is quite an accomplishment for his officers to have no incidents during a week-long period.

"We all feel very good about it," he said.

"Things are moving very smoothly at this time, and we try to do our best to keep it that way."

"This really proves the efforts of the whole college population are paying off in keeping this campus a safe place to study and to live." □

GET YOUR PEANUTS



Mike Tomlinson, junior computer science major, accepts a bowl of peanuts Tuesday from John Hill and Jean Logan, AmeriServe employees, when the company presented Peanut Day by the BSC cafeteria.

CONGREGATION: Pastor ponders possibilities

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College or the Taylor Performing Arts Center at Southern for large gatherings.

Because of the church's growing numbers, Gariss said its facilities may be stretched too far in the years to come.

"I think the arena is something that the community needs," he said. "I don't think Memorial Hall and Taylor Auditorium are ade-

quate to hold community events in. I hate to see taxes higher than they have to be, but we don't have a joint meeting space in town which is adequate."

One problem Gariss sees with the idea of holding all Sunday services at the center would be its availability after weekend events.

"When the center would have weekend rodeos, or concerts on Saturday night, we may not be

able to have the facility on Sunday, and that becomes a real problem," he said.

Gariss said he has no plans to discuss the Joplin Civic Center proposal with his congregation.

"We are a church," he said. "We shouldn't discuss those matters. We should be a church. We discuss things that matter to the kingdom of God. We do not endorse political parties or issues." □

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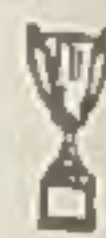
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SENIOR ASSESSMENT

May, July, December grads to take ACT

Seniors to receive registration card, sample questions

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Seniors' mailboxes this week will contain a little more than the usual bills, advertisements, and junk mail.

The center for assessment and institutional research mailed more than 800 letters requesting seniors to register for the ACT COMP (College Outcomes Measures Program) test on Feb. 21. This test, a requirement for graduation, helps the College see how it pre-

pared students for life after college.

"This is an investment by the seniors to make others have a better experience here," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. "The College finds out what it needs to improve based on the performances on the test."

Seniors who will graduate in May, July, or December 1996 will participate in the assessment of the core curriculum on Senior Assessment Day on Feb. 21.

No regular classes will be held that day, but night classes will meet.

An evening session will be held on Feb. 29 for those who take only night classes or are unable to make the Feb. 21 session. A free

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You can gauge yourself against the people at Missouri Southern and against the rest of the country.

Dr. Delores Honey
Director of assessment, institutional research

meal at the cafeteria will be provided.

The registration cards need to be returned to the assessment office by Feb. 14.

By taking the test, seniors will have a way to judge what they have learned at Southern.

"You can gauge yourself against

the people at Southern and against the rest of the country," Honey said.

"Plus, if you keep it in perspective, you get a free meal and the day off from classes."

Along with the registration card, each student will receive a free guide to the ACT COMP that con-

tains an overview of the test and some sample questions, she said.

"Whether they will read the guide is the question," Honey said.

"There are also some survey questions to help evaluate the College."

This is the sixth year for the one-day testing; in the past, each department did it separately.

"It's gratifying how cooperative everybody has been," Honey said. "It is good to have this on one day."

In comparison to the Graduate Record Exam, the ACT COMP is an exercise in critical thinking.

"It's multiple choice," Honey said, "but there are two good answers to every question, and you have to choose which is more correct."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Call-in show to focus on E-911 System

The Jasper County E-911 System will be featured on a live, call-in program scheduled to air at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15.

"Ozarks in Perspective: The Jasper County E-911 System," a joint production of Missouri Southern Television and Ozarks Public Television, will air simultaneously on KGCS-LP/57 and KOZJ/26.

In April 1994, the citizens of Jasper County elected to fund an E-911 system financed by a 1/10 of a cent sales tax. An independent board of directors was later elected to plan and supervise the establishment of such a system. What has happened since that time, current plans for implementing the system, how the system will work, and what effects setting up the system will have on Jasper County residents will be discussed during the program.

Judy Stiles, host of "Newsmakers," will moderate the program. Panelists scheduled to appear are Harlan Snow, Jasper County emergency services dispatch board chairman; Steve Kent, city of Joplin communications manager; Vickie Bayless, Newton County central dispatch director; Jeff Leeka, Southwestern Bell Telephone area manager; and Sam Whalley, Joplin Main Post Office manager of customer relations.

"Ozarks in Perspective" is a live, hour-long call-in program. Viewers are invited to call and ask the panel questions by dialing (417) 782-1226.

Financial aid monies up for grabs March 1

Campus-based financial aid monies (Perkins loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and work study) will be available for summer school students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Campus-based monies are limited and are awarded until funds are expended.

Students who come to the financial aid counter between 8 a.m. and noon or between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and sign the request list sheet will be awarded campus-based monies if the student is eligible for those monies according to federal guidelines.

Direct loans for the summer session may also be requested at that time.

CP&P office to schedule on-campus interviews

Seniors are asked to submit resumes to career planning and placement and sign up for on-campus interviews.

Employers are coming to campus to hire prospective graduates. Applicants must check with the career planning and placement office every week to see what companies have been added to the schedule.

On Thursday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, March 14, Mutual of Omaha will interview economics, finance, accounting, business, and marketing majors for a financial services position.

On Friday, Feb. 23, the Tax Accounting Software Corporation will interview accounting and finance majors for a technical support consultant.

On Tuesday, March 5, Hormel Foods will interview computer science, accounting, management, economics, history, political science, psychology, and mathematics majors for computer analyst, production management, and quality process and control engineering positions.

On Wednesday, March 6, Sherwin Williams will interview business and liberal arts majors for a manager trainee position.

ORIENTATION

Students don't use software

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

In the strive for immediate information, Missouri Southern is advancing steadily. But is Southern ready?

The Spiva Library has a \$50,000 CD tower, with capabilities to hold 28 CDs and access for students all over campus.

"Right now we're just trying to get it up and running, so that we can have access here and on other [local area networks] on campus," said Ed Wuch, audiovisual and government documents librarian.

"That's \$50,000 right there," he said, "but I would say now it's probably not going to be up until after spring break."

Why the wait?

"The campus has priorities, and [the tower] isn't at the top of the list," said Charles Kemp, head librarian.

The CD tower was supposed to be hooked up over Christmas break.

"They try to go too fast with this technology, and as a result they've had so many breakdowns that they're just trying to keep things running," Wuch said.

"I call it band-aid administration."

Meanwhile, students are discovering problems using existing programs.

"I'm not used to the technology, like using the Library of Congress," said Dawn Craig, freshman communications major.

"A lot of people aren't used to the software, and they don't know if they should really ask for help."

For other students, the confusion lies in finding library employees who can help them.

"I asked a lady in resources if she knew Word Perfect, and she told me to use something else," said Joetta Wigger, freshman communications major.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Leadership position helps organizational, speaking skills

Applications due March 1 for positions during fall semester

By CRAIG BEFFA
EDITORIAL EDITOR

For those who are interested in becoming College Orientation leaders next fall, applications are due March 1.

"We are looking for motivated and spirited people," said Susan Craig, coordinator of College Orientation, "who are interested in teaching 15 to 20 incoming freshmen

over an eight-week period."

Craig says the experience would benefit any major.

"This helps with your organizational skills," she said, "speaking in front of a number of people, keeping records and grades, and helping new students get acquainted with school."

This year Craig is looking for 60 students to become Orientation leaders.

"We want more this year because of the big freshmen class expected," she said.

"Last year we only had 45 leaders, and we could have used more."

Once students return their applications, individual interviews will be scheduled for the week of March 4-8.

On Wednesday, March 6, students will

have an opportunity to meet the other applicants," Craig said.

"There will be ice-breakers and a process called selectricution, where we see how good your communication skills are."

Once Orientation leaders are selected, training will be held on Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for eight weeks.

"The compensation for this is two upper-division credit hours in Psychology 498, Leadership Training," Craig said.

"The tuition for those credit hours are paid for."

Holley Goodnight, student leader, says being a College Orientation leader is a good experience and recommends it to everyone.

"This is like a mentoring system," she said.

"Students come here and do not really know anyone. With this class, if they have a problem they can come to someone their age."

Mary Ann Costley, junior communications major, says she learned about herself while being a leader.

"It helped with my self-confidence," she said.

"It also helped me speak in public."

Students can pick up an application in the counseling services office.

For more information, persons may call Craig at the College's counseling center on the second floor of Hearnes Hall, Ext. 9542.

YOUR MOVE



BRETT DAVISON/The Chart

Doug Dennis, freshman undecided major and member of Southern's debate team (left), concentrates on finding the best strategy to win a chess match against Karina Keltz, freshman English major, in the atrium on the third floor of Webster Hall Tuesday evening.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

Phon-A-Thon closes in on \$175,000 goal

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The atmosphere could be described only as "joyful" at the Missouri Southern Alumni House Wednesday night, according to Evalina Shippee, assistant professor of nursing.

Students and faculty from Southern's nursing department were the volunteers staffing the phones and mailing lists on the fourth night of the 14th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon.

"It's been pretty exciting tonight," Shippee said. "One girl called someone and said, 'I'm a nursing student...' and that's as far as she got. The woman on the phone said, 'Oh, good. You're a nurse. My dog's having a seizure. Tell me what to do.'"

"You don't know what to expect when you get on the phone," Shippee said.

Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, is pleased with the results so far.

The atmosphere's been of a competitive nature," she said. "They are all seeing who can ring their bells first to get a pledge."

"Each day's captain tries to raise more pledges than the previous days' captains," she said. "And our faculty are so busy but they are so supportive."

Shippee said the nursing students collected \$4,995 in 90 minutes of calling.

"We had some students competing against each other this afternoon," she said. "We try to

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Joplin, it is time to grow!

It's now or never. Missouri Southern's bid for a new \$25 million Joplin Civic Center now lies in the hands of the citizens of Joplin. After the March 5 special election, the College and the city will know whether to break ground on the center's construction or bury the center's blueprints on the bottom shelf of Dr. John Tiede's bookshelf.



Rick Rogers
Managing Editor

Even though the College has bombarded its students and the community with information about the proposal, a few questions still remain.

Do citizens of Joplin who have no outright ties to the College or apparent use for such a facility see the need for a new center?

Maybe not, but those residents who think they may not benefit directly from the erection of a center may not realize they could have ties to someone who will. They may have a grandson, who would love to play basketball for the Lions in such a venue, or a niece, whose graduation ceremonies could be held there in the near future.

Even though some of the senior citizens or residents who do not attend major events often may not see the proposal as a need for their future, I hope they will see it as a need for the future of Joplin.

And a need it has become.

The economical and physical growth of Joplin has increased enormously in the year and a half I have lived in this area. New Joplin businesses range from restaurants to stores selling old sporting equipment. Entrepreneurs have found Joplin to be somewhere they can find hard-working employees and a profit at the same time.

But what does Joplin have to offer the working community as far as entertainment? Memorial Hall, which houses concerts and a variety of shows in downtown Joplin, is an aging facility which can no longer attract big names to Joplin, leaving us with lackluster concert bills like Peter Cetera and AB-4-One.

But with a new facility, which would house 7,000 for athletic events and 10,000 for concerts, Joplin could lure acts like county music star Garth Brooks or rock performers Hootie and the Blowfish.

Besides musical acts, residents would be able to enjoy circuses, large-scale rodeos, and truck and tractor pulls. These are all things Joplin cannot give its citizens because it lacks an adequate facility.

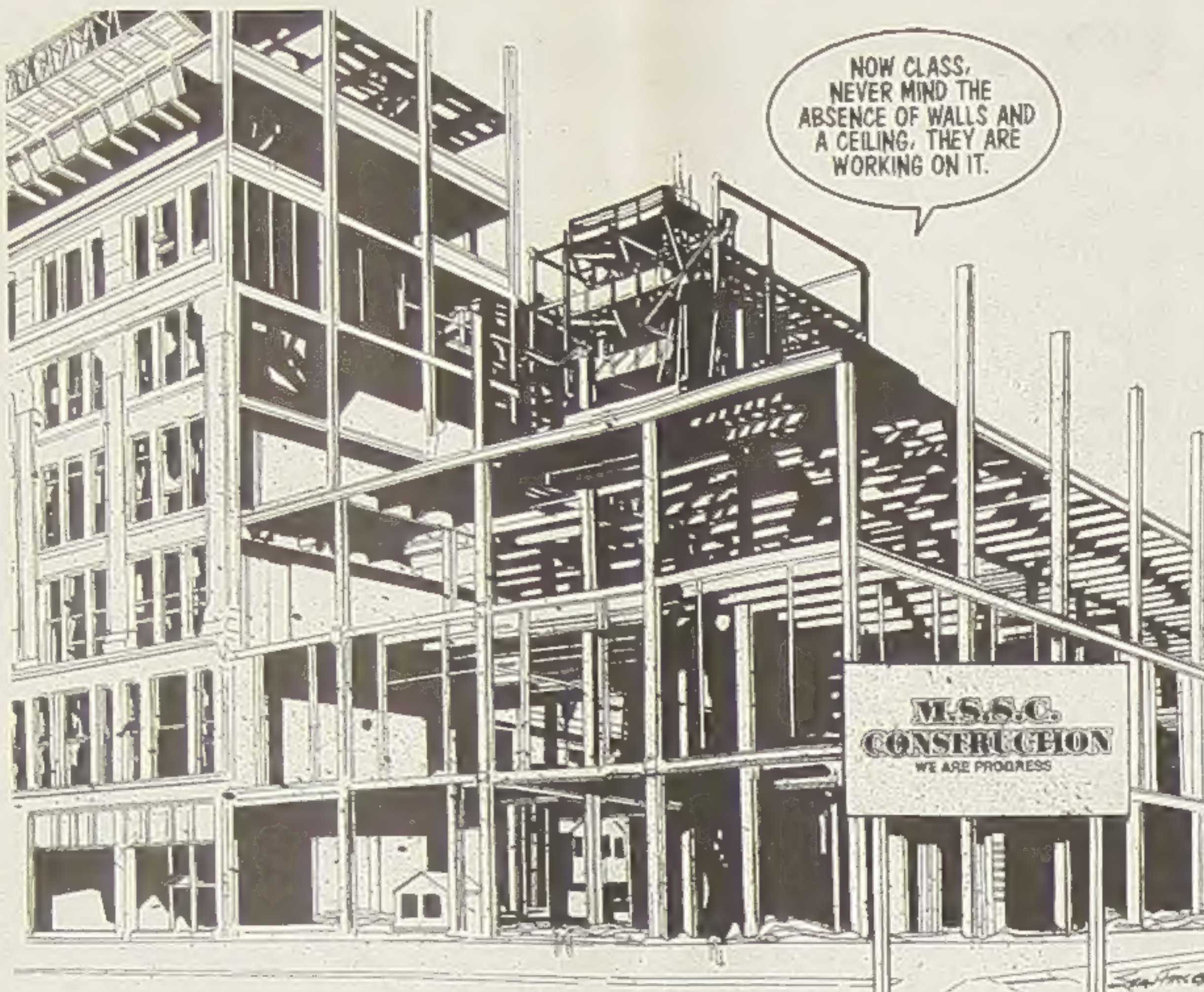
But like everything in this world today, it boils down to one thing—money.

The College, which is asking Joplin residents to pay a three-eighths of a cent sales tax over 14 years, is hoping they will see a need for a center, whether it would be for entertainment or business purposes.

An agreement of the six-member board states that after the sales tax is paid, the College, not Joplin, will take full responsibility of the center's operating costs.

Even the College's campaign slogan, "Jobs for Joplin," is a true statement, because a major events center would attract job resources from many different facets.

But besides the community, the student body of Southern must voice their opinions about the center, whether positive or negative. It is just a matter of taking the time to register and go to the polls. That is not much to ask. □



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Golden rule: Finish what ya start

College officials have taken great strides toward providing facilities needed for positive growth as an institution. Yet, it is difficult to see light at the end of the tunnel when several projects are in various states of limbo.

When will these projects be completed? Is it a mistake to leave the touch-up work at the Student Life Center to an undermanned physical plant staff?

College officials have discussed this theory: What happens 25 years from now is framed by what happens today.

In the eyes of today's students, that could be part of the problem. Students want to see their money turned into projects they will be able to utilize in the near future.

Students living in the residence halls have to walk by the new Student Life Center every day on their way to Billingsly Student Center. In sub-zero

temperatures, the thought of walking 50 yards instead of 500 yards for lunch is pleasing—the thought of the original completion date (fall 1995) is disheartening.

The Barn Theatre was scheduled for completion in April or May of 1997, but the ground has yet to be broken. One project, the Anderson Justice Center, is an extremely positive step for the College, and students are euphoric about the possibility of using the new facility by fall 1997. But it is now at the point where officials cannot accurately determine when these projects will be brought to fruition. The initial completion date for the Justice Center certainly seems optimistic at best.

It is obvious officials are looking out for the College's future and probably have a good idea of what they are doing. However, juggling is entertaining at a circus, not at Missouri Southern. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Reader expresses appreciation for articles

Congratulations! Your first two issues of *The Chart* this semester were great. Both issues contained so many positive and upbeat articles.

Some that impressed me were: Genie's beautiful tribute to her mother, the inspiring story of how Parris made an important life decision, Jean Campbell's article on overcoming adversities, Nick's comments on supporting Southern's sports events, the positive stories on campus activities celebrating Black History Month, the articles encouraging students to vote on the new arena, and many others.

The news department reporters, campus, city, and state, did a superb job. This was truly a tremendous community service.

Each department editor is to be commended.

I am grateful to Mr. [Richard] Massa for giving me the opportunity of working with you last semester. I appreciated getting to know each of you. I had no idea how many long hours you worked, just to publish one edition. What truly great young people you are! Contrary to what the world would have us think, we have many wonderful young people in the world today. During the months I have been on campus, I have met dozens of them.

Accolades are surely in order for Dr. Stebbins, whose responsibilities are overwhelming, and to Genie and her dedicated staff.

As you move forward into your future, remember it is your duty as journalists to cultivate a society in which those who follow can grow and flourish. My prayer is that you will use your talents to make a positive change in today's world.

Keep up the good work. I envision more *Chart* awards on the horizon.

Virginia Shaver
(Missouri's Oldest Dorm Resident)
McCormick Hall, MSSC

Lack of sidewalks, bike paths concerns student

Jan. 15 was an exciting day in my life. I was returning to school after working 15 years in the nursing profession.

I don't own a car right now, so I have to walk to school. I'm currently living near the intersection of Manitou and Florida streets, about 1.5 miles from the College.

What concerns me is that there are no

sidewalks, bike paths, or particularly, no pedestrian-controlled intersections.

On Florida Street between Newman Road and Manitou Street is a very narrow bridge. There is not enough room for two cars passing and a pedestrian.

The City of Joplin and Missouri Southern State College need to get together and

make this a safer situation before someone is seriously injured or killed.

Stephen C. Waters
Freshman sociology major

IN PERSPECTIVE

Are you making a difference?

Are you ... Making a Difference—in Your Career, Community or in Someone's Life? That's the question posed to alumnae of my college sorority in a recent magazine. The article continues, by asking members to share their stories.

After reading it, I paused to think. What kind of difference am I making? Perhaps that's a question we all should ponder.

My career continues here at Missouri Southern, as general manager of Missouri Southern Television. It's sometimes hard to believe, but April marks my 10th year of working at the College!

During those years, I've seen a lot of changes career-wise and on campus. I began working for MSSC as community service director for MSTV and KKMS. In 1993, I became general manager.

The College has allowed me a chance to develop leadership and managerial skills. It also has given me a chance to play a role in shaping the future of quite a few students over the years.

I may reach only a few students in an "official" part-time instructor position. But, as a staff member I work closely with the many talented students who make their way to the television studios.

Many past students have gone on to successful positions in the media, and I'm sure the ones today and tomorrow will do likewise. I hope that maybe in some way my contact with them has helped to "make a difference."

I am fortunate due to the fact that my job often involves working with the local organizations. These include "community involvement" activities, such as serving as president of the Joplin NALA (Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action) board of directors, and secretary for the Main Street Joplin board of directors.

It's nice to see the accomplishments of these types of groups as they help others. Another way I am involved is through the production of the weekly television program, "Newsmakers."

The interviews are designed to highlight people and issues of local interest. I appreciate hearing occasional comments from viewers, because that helps me to realize that I am reaching people ... and maybe making a difference in our community.

The last part of the question deals with making a difference in someone's life, and this is where I have a fairly new perspective. Last May, I became a mother for the first time with the birth of my daughter, Dana. The last nine months have been fascinating, watching her grow and develop.

Every day seems to bring a new discovery to her! Adding to the excitement is the fact that there is so much still to come. As parents, my husband and I realize that the things we do today will have an impact on who she is tomorrow.

We are responsible for raising her in the "best" way possible. "Best" may be hard to define, but it is something to strive toward.

Perhaps this is my greatest role in "making a difference" for years to come. □



Judy Stiles
General Manager,
MSTV

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

STARR teacher to speak on education

“ [Cadet Day] helped me meet the faculty here and also other people who were going to go to Southern.”

Jenni Bennett
Sophomore
elementary
education major

Prichard encourages high school students to pursue their goals

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Students from 11 area high schools will be attending the Cadet Teacher Day on Friday. There are 180 students and counselors registered to come. The day, which will include talks from STARR (Select Teachers As Regional Resources) teacher LaVieta Prichard, financial aid director Jim Gilbert, and Missouri State Teachers' Association con-

sultant Nancy Hoover, is the work this year of Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, and Dr. Doreen Vitez, assistant professor of education. Banks said attendance has hovered around 60 participants in the past. "I've heard LaVieta Prichard speak, and she's very very good," said Pam White, high school counselor and Cadet Teaching sponsor at Carthage High School. "I believe she'll catch the kids' attention." White, who has participated in past Cadet Teacher Days at Missouri Southern, is looking forward to this one. "I think it will be a great day—there are new things planned, such as the financial aid informa-

tion, and, of course, the tour of the campus is always nice," she said. Jenni Bennett, sophomore elementary education major, also participated in a previous Cadet Teacher Day. "I thought it was great," she said. "It was a good experience because there were interesting people who talked to us and gave us new ideas." "Also, it helped me meet the faculty here and also other people who were going to go to Southern." Banks said the event is in part a recruiting day for Southern, but it is also a day to recognize the students for an admirable objective. "These students know what they want to do; they have very fixed vocational goals for themselves,"

Banks said. "They're going to go to college somewhere, and of course, we'd like them to go to Southern." Bringing the resources together for the event was relatively easy, Banks said. "Several people on campus agreed to provide information," he said. "Everyone has been eager, willing, and responsive." Seven education students from the College will be "hostesses" for the campus tours. Looking back on previous years, White said students had seemed to enjoy themselves in the past. "Above all, I'm glad Southern provides these opportunities for our students," she said, "and I hope they continue to do so." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Recruitment, retention will be SEMO's focus

Southeast Missouri State University's newly adopted strategic plan, adopted by the university's board of regents Feb. 1, ushers in a new era of educational service. "Through this strategic plan, Southeast is forging ahead, boldly, into the 21st century rather than being swept along by the random forces of time," said Dr. Bill Atchley, president of the university. "We want to be the best in the state at linking general education with professional education." A significant benchmark contained in the plan is Southeast's goal of becoming an institution of 10,300 students by the year 2000. According to the plan, the average ACT score of the freshmen class will be 23; transfer student enrollment will increase from 556 to 690; international students will account for 4 percent of the student body and minority students for 9.5 percent; the proportion of non-traditional students will jump; and the proportion of graduate students will increase to 10 percent. To increase enrollment to 10,300 and to stabilize an optimal enrollment at that level, Southeast will focus its efforts on recruitment and retention of students. According to the plan, the minimum fall-to-fall retention rate for new freshmen will be 75 percent. New programs to be considered and possibly developed include an associate degree in physical therapy, bachelor's degrees in environmental science and fine arts, a master's degree program in social work, and a cooperative doctoral program in educational leadership. □

Northwest upgrades 25-year-old system

Northwest Missouri State University's National Public Radio affiliate has upgraded its 25-year-old transmission system with the replacement of the transmitter, antennas, and transmission line. The project was made possible with funding of \$90,896 from the U.S. Department of Commerce and commitment of matching funds from Northwest. KXCV/KRNW now can sign on at 5 a.m. each day with in-depth news programming. The new technology is computerized automation that programs the stations early each day until student broadcasters arrive to begin preparation for their broadcast day. KXCV/KRNW provide in-depth news, classical and jazz music in a broadcast area ranging from Omaha to Kirksville, and from Des Moines to Kansas City. KXCV is based on the Northwest campus, while KRNW's satellite repeater station is in Chillicothe. □

Lincoln University forms athletic advisory board

An athletic advisory committee has been formed at Lincoln University to take a comprehensive look at Lincoln athletics and bring forth a plan to help ensure a successful program in the years ahead. The committee, chaired by Carolyn McDowell, a Jefferson City council member, has the support of 100 volunteers. The volunteers are divided among six subcommittees: facilities review and planning; men's and women's sports programs review; external fund raising; sales, marketing and public relations; special events; and institutional policy review. "While we cannot repeat the past, there is no reason to believe that the success of the LU athletic programs of the 1950s and 60s cannot be regained," Lincoln President Wendell Rayburn said. "With hard work and dedication, the roar of the Blue Tiger teams will once again be heard throughout the MIAA conference and beyond." □

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Student researchers inspect bird facility's cleanliness

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

Three Missouri Southern students, Scott Sears, Babar Habib, and Mark Brumley, have volunteered to work as microbiological researchers in cooperation with the Carthage Con-Agra Butterball factory.

The students are helping to locate and destroy bacteria that could be harmful to the turkeys.

"Butterball is the largest turkey producer in the world and is owned by Con-Agra," said Dr. Jim Stockham, director of health services and the staff veterinarian at the Carthage factory. "The largest complex is located in Carthage."

"We have breeder turkeys that lay fertilized eggs, and we have hatcheries and growers." The turkeys are also slaughtered at the Carthage factory. "We want to make sure everything is clean; we follow the birds to the final process," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, associate professor of biology. The researchers are looking

for molds and yeast that may cause diseases.

"We are looking for things that can cause early mortality, things that can kill the birds in the first two weeks of life," Stockham said.

To detect the bacteria, the equipment is wiped by a long cotton swab.

"Samples are taken off equipment inside of the truck before and after they clean," Schlink said.

Egg shells, walls, floors, and drains are all swabbed, Stockham said. The swabs are then sent to Missouri Southern.

"The students actually grow out the culture and interpret it," he said. "They then tell us how clean or unclean it is."

Southern is involved in this project because of the equipment available on campus. All of the calculating is done in College laboratories.

"We have the equipment and a lot of students who want to be exposed to this sort of work," Schlink said. "The students are actually counting the bacteria, and about 150 samples are taken a week."



Mark Brumley, senior pre-veterinarian major, and Scott Sears, senior environmental health major, streak plates as part of their microbiological research project for Con-Agra, a parent company of Butterball.

Southern keeps a computer database that tells if an area is too high in bacteria.

"Missouri Southern has been very valuable to us," Stockham said. "They have already identified a few problem areas that we

didn't know we had, and we were able to catch them before they caused any trouble."

An expansion of this program is possible in the future.

"We really appreciate the cooperative nature of Missouri

Southern," Stockham said. "If it is agreed by both Con-Agra Butterball and Missouri Southern, we would like to expand the program to include other areas sometime in the future." □

INFORMATION

Virus attacks computers

By RUSTY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Dec. 25 is a time for peace and good cheer, but this year it was also a time for a computer virus to hit.

Celeste Nonnweiler, junior nursing major, learned the hard way how viruses work.

"We were loading software and it wasn't working properly," Nonnweiler said. "I took my problem to the Software Center and they told me it was the AntiEXE virus."

"We [the College] have viruses every single day," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services. "It's just like a cold."

Earney is trying to get virus protection software included in the budget for all the servers on campus. There is currently one server in the computer center with virus protection software.

"Anything you download could have viruses," Earney said. "It is a good place for the vandals to distribute their viruses."

Students can take three steps to prevent viruses. First, they should never boot their computer with a disk in Drive A. Second, only software from reputable sources should be used. Third, all disks and files should be scanned for viruses. □

FACULTY SENATE

Southern president addresses state funding

By AILEEN GRONWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Cautious optimism might best describe College President Julio Leon's outlook on events currently shaping Missouri Southern's future.

In an address to the Faculty Senate Monday, Leon gave a seasoned perspective on the proposed funding increases and the campaign to gain voter approval for the multi-purpose arena.

Gov. Mel Carnahan recently surprised College officials by recommending more funding than the Coordinating Board for Higher Education had proposed. In an effort to make an estimated \$4.9 million expansion to the Anderson Justice Center more palatable, the CBHE recommended the project in three stages, but the governor gave his approval for the whole amount.

"Due to the fact that lottery and gaming revenue has been high, the governor has been able to fund a lot of capital improvements on a one-time basis," Leon said.

"We need to be aware, however, that although the increase over last year's budget is almost 15 percent, some of those funds are not at our discretion to spend because they are designated for certain purposes."

Included in those designated funds are: \$800,000 for international mission enhancement;

\$189,000 for maintenance and repairs; and \$210,000 for technology upgrades.

"When you subtract the designated and one-time funds from the 15 percent, it results in a net increase of seven percent," said Leon. "Since state funding represents only 60 percent of our budget, in terms of net increase of the funding we have at our discretion, we're talking about a four percent increase on the total budget."

"Of course, it remains to be seen what the legislature will do with the governor's recommendations, but for the last few years they have usually gone along with what he recommends."

As encouraging as the news is from Jefferson City, Leon is anxious for good news from local citizens in the March 5 vote on the arena.

"The name being used right now is the 'Joplin Civic Center,'" said Leon.

"There is some concern among people in the community that this is a facility for Missouri Southern's exclusive use, and it is commonly referred to as the 'MSSC Arena.'"

"We estimate the College will not use the facility more than 20 percent of the available dates."

Leon envisions growth for both the College and the community if the civic center becomes a reality.

"With this improvement in stu-

Faculty Senate Fast Facts

- ✓ Faculty Senate members unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Joplin Civic Center.
- ✓ House-to-house canvassing is being organized to encourage Proposition J supporters to vote.

dent life, we will attract more and more students," he said. "I can visualize going from 600 to 1,000 students in our dormitories. We would begin to look a little more like a traditional college."

Leon anticipates increased city development east of Duquesne Road to the new I-44 bypass and north of Newman Road toward Webb City.

The issue will be decided in a special election on what is being titled "Proposition J" for Joplin jobs.

The steering committee is organizing house-to-house canvassing to encourage people who support the proposal to vote.

Anthony Kassab has donated office space in downtown Joplin

for campaign headquarters. Persons interested in volunteering to help with the campaign may contact Jim Frazier at 625-9570.

The Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution in support of the Joplin Civic Center.

In other business, Ed Wuch, chair of the faculty welfare committee, reported a new van has been ordered and should arrive before the end of the semester. The College fleet will be reviewed in the future and adjustments will be forthcoming. The committee urges faculty to report any problems with College vehicles to them in writing and to forward a copy to the vice president of business affairs. □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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- Faculty Art Exhibit: Spiva Art Gallery of Missouri Southern State College (Continuing through Feb. 16).
- Social Science Club Fundraiser: "Have a Heart." Buy a heart to benefit the CP Center. Through Valentine's Day in the Social Sciences Lounge, Webster Hall, Room 223.
- CAB Special Event: Valentine's package stuffed bear, candy and mylar balloon for \$5. More information is located in the Billingsly Student Center Box Office, Room 12, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. through the 13th, or call Ext. 9366.
- 9 a.m. to Noon—Social Science Club Book Sale, Webster Hall, Room 223.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.
- Noon to 1 p.m.—Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.

Friday 9

Noon—Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.
Noon to 1 p.m.—Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.
7:30 p.m.—The Dream Concert, sponsored by CAB, Taylor Auditorium. Free to students.

Sunday 11

9:30 a.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 12

7 and 9:30 p.m.—CAB Movie: The Princess Bride, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge.
7 p.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Tuesday 13

11 a.m.—Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
Noon—Latter Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
Noon—College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:15 p.m.—Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
12:20 p.m.—Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.
3 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society—AERho meeting, first floor of Webster Hall, Studio B.
7 and 9:30 p.m.—CAB Movie: The Princess Bride, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge.

Wednesday 14

St. Valentine's Day: Pick up Valentine packages in Ticket Office. To reserve package call Ext. 9366.
5:30 p.m.—Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room.
5:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Basketball, doubleheader vs. Missouri Western, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Attention Clubs

If you have an upcoming event you would like publicized in *The Chart* call Elizabeth at 625-9311.

GREEK LIFE

Sororities get acquainted during rush

Informal activities enlighten rushees, current members

By STEPHANIE WARD
STAFF WRITER

Getting acquainted with and informed about Missouri Southern's Greek system, freshmen attended meetings with sororities last week.

Sunday and Monday served as spring rush for Missouri Southern sororities Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Spring rush is a lot more informal," said Christy Phillips, Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter adviser. "It doesn't go for a whole week like regular rush week does."

The sororities met at 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The meetings were "get acquainted" meetings, Phillips said. Each sorority spent some time with the new rushees and got to know them a little. There were no large activities planned because it was informal rush.

"In informal rush," said Tiffany Jones, junior computer science major and membership chairman of Zeta Tau Alpha, "we can't do anything like have a skit or any-

thing that's really planned.

"We have formal rush in the fall, and that is where we spend all our time and effort."

Both sororities said they have more rushees in the fall. Spring rushees are usually freshmen who have waited to see what their first semester in college is like or women who didn't have time in the fall.

If there isn't a good turnout after the sororities go through rush, they both have what is called continuous open-bidding. These "COB's," as they are called, are usually casual get-togethers like pizza parties or bowling, and they are usually held in the spring, Phillips said.

"A lot of it is just word of mouth," she said. "Anyone who's interested can come."

Phillips said she thinks both sororities are essentially the same.

"We both have our own philanthropic causes," she said.

Alpha Sigma Alpha's biggest cause is the Special Olympics.

"We stress leadership and community," Phillips said. "We try to work for the campus community as well as for the Joplin community. We do a bunch of work with the campus Special Olympics."

Zeta Tau Alpha's biggest cause is the Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We hand out shower cards to all



SPENCER BECK/The Chart

Tracy Thorpe (left), a sophomore nursing applicant, and Shanna Creson (right), a sophomore undecided major, take part in the sororities' rush activities Monday. The groups played Jenga to meet each other.

the girls on campus so they know how to give themselves breast exams," Jones said.

Zeta Tau Alpha is also involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

"We pick up the highway twice a semester," Jones said. "We have the mile right in front of the campus on Newman Road."

The sororities did not have a big

turnout for spring rush this year, perhaps due to the cold weather, but both Phillips and Jones said anyone is welcome anytime.

"They are more than welcome to contact me," Jones said. "If they're interested, all they have to do is find a member. That's the most important thing."

Phillips said she thinks women

will be surprised if they come to see what sororities are like.

"It's not anything like your stereotypical 'sorority girls' type of thing, especially here, since we're a smaller campus," she said. "I think a lot of girls, if they give the sororities a chance, will find it's a lot of fun. They'd meet friends that they'd have for a long time." □

SADDLE CLUB

Students reestablish club with equestrian interest

Next meeting to be held Feb. 15 to elect officers

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in more than a year, the Missouri Southern Saddle Club held a meeting to bring equestrian activities back to campus.

Southern has been without a Saddle Club since 1994 due to low membership. Club adviser Wayne Stebbins said the club's rep-

utation of being an organization for rodeo competitors caused the lack of interest.

"Most of our members actually participated in rodeo events," Stebbins said. "A number of people felt you had to be a rodeo participant to be part of the club."

This year, the Saddle Club plans to come back with a new roster of activities to appeal to a wide range of students.

Some of the activities to be held include a wagon ride and barbecue, weekend trail rides, country dances, and line dancing seminars.

The club would also sponsor special events for children and for the disabled.

Some events, such as buckouts or a colt or saddle auction, will be used as fund-raisers for the club.

Because the club is sponsor-supported, no dues are collected from members.

"We want to introduce something new to the school," said Tera Speer, club member. "We just hope people join and come out to have fun."

Speer, freshman marketing major, and club member Tamra Hill, freshman undecided major, are responsible for reintroducing the Saddle Club to Southern students.

"We were interested in the club and did not know it had ended," Hill said.

"We were interested also in finding students with similar interests," Speer said.

Any full-time or part-time student with equestrian interests is eligible for membership.

No riding or rodeo experience is necessary; part of the purpose of the club is to "further advance knowledge of the care and management of livestock, educational field trips, business opportunities, horse showing, rodeo interests, competition, and trail riding," as stated by the club's written bylaws.

The club will hold its next meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 to elect officers. □

DEBATE

Team splits at tourney

By RUSTY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern debate team came home last weekend with a win and a loss.

The team attended a competition at Southern Illinois University where they competed with other students.

"The upper division scored 4-2 and ranked 11th out of 51 in the division," said Eric W. Marlow, director of debate and forensics. "The junior varsity also scored 4-2 but was ranked 14. The University Of Missouri, Kansas City beat them."

The debate team plans to go to Southeast Louisiana State University Feb. 16-18 for the Mardi Gras tournament. And to Warrensburg, Mo. the following weekend for the Missouri American Forensics Association state tournament. The topic for the debate will be the United States foreign policy toward Mexico.

Two teams are going. The first consists of Eric Dicharry and Stuart Smart. The second team includes Doug Dennis and Jason Newton. Craig Jones will be on the junior varsity team.

A competition consists of six to eight preliminary rounds. Teams that have a good winning record usually advance to the next round. Usually a debate is won by a judge deciding which team gave a better debate.

Other events scheduled include a visit from a team from Japan.

"We will be hosting some Japanese debaters March 10-13," said Marlow.

"They will debate our team. They will also be allowed to speak to the students." □

STUDENT PROFILE



DEBORAH SOLDMON/The Chart

Sophomore cheerleader Marcy Hodge, co-captain of the squad, starts a cheer during the Lady Lions' basketball game Wednesday.

Hodge finds 'energy' with cheerleading

By ELIZABETH LOVLAND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Echoing spirit throughout the bleachers of Missouri Southern's Young Gymnasium and Hughes Stadium is something Marcy Hodge is a big part of.

Hodge, a sophomore elementary education major, is co-captain of the Missouri Southern cheerleading squad in only her second year.

"I never dreamed that I would be captain as a sophomore," Hodge said.

Linda Lunow, cheerleading coach, said Hodge has what it takes to be a leader.

"Marcy is a motivator, she's high spirited, high energy, which is everything," Lunow said. "She's got the attitude, let's do it, let's make it happen."

"It takes at least one person in any group to spread the enthusiasm around the group. If I was put it one way, she's an energy source."

Adam Hames, sophomore accounting major, is co-captain of the squad with Marcy.

"She's really easy to get along with," Hames said. "Which makes it better when we're working together."

Jill Baird, freshman psychology major, said Hodge has helped make her first year on the cheerleading squad a positive experience.

"Marcy's been like a sister," Baird said. "She's always there, always comforting, happy, and keeping spirits up."

"If something goes wrong, Marcy

helps settle everything."

The cheerleading squad competed in a Universal Cheerleading Association camp during the summer at the University of Missouri-Columbia and brought home several awards.

"We're getting a lot better than we have been in the past," Hodge said. "We work harder."

But cheering is not all work for Hodge. She said she does not pay attention to the money she receives through cheerleading, because of her spirit for the Lions and Lady Lions athletics. Hodge simply said, "It's fun."

"I would have been a cheerleader with out the scholarship," she said. "But it does help."

Hodge said she likes having men on the cheerleading squad.

"It's a lot more fun cheering with the guys because you can do a lot more stunts," she said.

Hodge also said the cheerleaders appreciate the support from the Lion Pride Pep Band during home football and basketball games.

"We love everything that they do for us, and they are so good about yelling with us," she said. "We love them."

Hodge, whose father is the assistant principal and head football coach at Seneca High School, decided she wanted to be a cheerleader in elementary school.

"Since my dad was a coach, we went to every single game, and I

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JOPLIN R-8 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chamber gives nod to school proposal

Plans propose building improvements to bring 9th grade to high school

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Along with the Joplin Civic Center proposal, the Joplin R-8 School District's construction proposal received rave reviews by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

The Joplin R-8 project, if passed, would allow the school district to begin the process of realigning its grade system. The plan would consolidate the ninth grade, located in the junior high school building at 310 W. Eighth St., with the high school.

The proposed building construction would be an expansion to the current high school, 2104 Indiana, in order to house the influx of students.

Rob O'Brian, Chamber president, said he thinks the school district is taking the "significant" steps to improve the overall education process for the children of Joplin.

"I believe that the realignment creates great learning opportunities for the freshmen," O'Brian said. "However, that realignment cannot be accomplished without the new high school addition and construction of a new middle school to accommodate the shift of grades at the lower level."

Dr. Vernon Hudson, Joplin R-8 superintendent, said the construction would benefit the quality of education given to the district's students.

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"We feel we have a product that is the most important the community could ever have, and that is our students."

Dr. Vernon Hudson
Supt. of Joplin schools

"We feel we have a product that is the most important the community could ever have, and that is our students," Hudson said. "That product is totally dependent on us, because that product cannot vote. In order for that product to develop, they turn to us, who are in a position to help."

"Obviously, this community has helped in the past and will continue to do so in the future."

O'Brian said the school district's goal is not just about building plans and blueprints, but about providing a better learning environment for Joplin students.

"What the school corporation presented to the Chamber is more than a building program," O'Brian said. "It is a major step in the improvement of the overall education levels our children receive."



Veron Hudson, superintendent of the Joplin R-8 school district, was pleased with the approval of the school's building proposals by the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

FILE PHOTO

QUALITY IN MEDICINE AWARD

Thatcher presents award

Former British Prime Minister, Lady Margaret Thatcher, was a guest speaker at the Quality in Medicine Award ceremony Tuesday at John Q. Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

The award recipient was Hugh Edward Stephenson, Jr., M.D., John Growdon Distinguished Professor of Surgery Emeritus, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine.

Gayle McAllister, Chairman of the Freeman Foundation, and Kelby R. Krabbenhoft, President/CEO of Freeman Hospitals and Health System in Joplin, presented the award.

Stephenson is a long-time faculty member of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. His first textbook, *Cardiac Arrest and Resuscitation*, has become a classic.

The Quality in Medicine Award was sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Missouri, Investors Financial Inc. of Joplin, and UMB Bank, Southwest, Joplin.



FREEMAN HOSPITAL/Special to The Chart

Former British Prime Minister Lady Margaret Thatcher poses next to Hugh Edward Stephenson, Jr., the recipient of the Freeman Quality in Medicine Award given Tuesday at the Hammons Trade Center.

COUNTRY DANCE RODEO

Dance Competition to span four days

CDR to yield amateur, professional dancers

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Amateur and professional country dancers will get a chance to strut their stuff during the Country Dance Rodeo competition slated Feb. 15-18.

Joplin is one of the first out of 47 competitions to be held this year.

According to David Thornton, director of the Country Dance Rodeo, competitions are held not only in the United States but in England, France, Germany, and Holland as well.

He said competitions run from the end of January to the end of December with winners of each competition qualifying for the World Championship in January 1996 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif.

Thornton said the CDR competitions started in 1988 and have grown every year.

Trophies and plaques will be awarded to the top five finishers in each category.

"First place overall will receive jackets," he said, "and we will also give out cash prizes and gift certificates for western wear stores."

An early arrival party and workshop will head the event on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Workshops providing dance lessons and the Pro-Amateur competition are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16. There will also be a dance open to the public.

A couples competition followed by an opening ceremony with master dancer expeditions are set for Saturday, Feb. 17.

There will also be a stick horse barrel racing competition and a national hog calling contest.

The final competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18.

"Last year 1,261 people came through the door," Thornton said. "We had 92 couples competing and 17 teams for the team competitions plus a number of spectators."

The four-day event is to be held at John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

Thornton said anyone may compete in the competition, "but they must register by six p.m. on Friday the 16th. He also added, tickets vary in price depending on the event. "Open dance and spectator passes will cost about five dollars and a daily pass including all workshops will be \$25."

"It will be a lot of fun; some of the top dancers in the world will be here for the Saturday night competition," Thornton said.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Garage fire claims Carthage R-9 solar car

A garage fire destroyed the Carthage R-9 School District's solar car Saturday at a home in rural Carthage owned by Wayne Nixon, a teacher at Carthage High School.

The fire claimed the garage and all of its contents, including the solar car. The cause of the fire has not been determined. The solar car was worth an estimated \$50,000 and was insured for \$25,000.

Responding to the fire at 1:55 p.m. Saturday at Carthage Route 2 were five firefighters and two trucks. They were at the scene for nearly two hours.

Chamber seeking award nominees

Joplin's 1996 Small Business of the Year award nominations are being accepted by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nominees must be business owners, partners, or major shareholders. They must be within a 35-mile radius of the Joplin area, employ more than 50 workers, and have been in business for at least three years. Also, eligible businesses must have been a member of the Chamber for the past two years.

Judging criteria will be the nominee's leadership in business and community affairs, active involvement in professional or trade associations, and significant business accomplishments.

Judges will also consider responses of businesses to challenges and problems, equal opportunity employment, and the initiative in job creation.

Nominations are to be postmarked no later than Feb. 23 and are available at the Chamber and Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

IRS to offer free help with tax returns

Free tax counseling will be offered in Missourians who qualify as disabled, elderly, non-English speaking or low-income.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will provide these qualifiers with certified volunteers to help prepare their tax returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs aid more than 60 taxpayers in preparing their federal returns.

More details may be obtained by calling 1(800) 829-1040 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For listings of VITA and TCE programs in the area, contact the IRS at (314) 539-3660.

'A Fair of the Heart' offers health seminars

St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin is planning for "A Fair of the Heart...Heart Fix '96" to provide information about heart-healthy care.

Health care professionals from St. John's Center for Heart Care and affiliated groups will provide booths for attendees to gather heart safety information and attend seminars on Saturday, Feb. 24 Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

Seminars will include discussion about smart eating for a healthy heart, social and spiritual issues for heart patients, women and heart disease, interventional cardiology, and antioxidants.

Various new areas to be included this year will be a demonstration area to provide participants with an opportunity to listen to short, helpful presentations concerning various topics including stress reduction, exercise, dining out, recipe substitution, and other such topics.

Also this year there will be a children's area. They will participate in various activities focusing on the heart including crafts, coloring, exercises, and healthy snacking. There will be guidelines posted that day for parents using the center.

Chamber of Commerce shows support for civic center

This past week, your Chamber Board of Directors took action to endorse both the Joplin Civic Center and Joplin R-8 Schools building project. The Board, along with members of the chamber's Governmental Relations, Education and Vision Joplin committees, heard detailed presentations on both projects. The Board also considered membership input from the survey in the recent newsletter in making its final decisions to support these two important issues.

In considering whether or not to support these projects, important points were 1) whether the project is needed; 2) the potential for positive impact on the business community; 3) the cost-effectiveness of the project and 4) the positive impact on quality of life in our community.

In addressing the Civic Center (or arena) project, it is the position of the Board that the project is needed to advance both Missouri Southern State College and the community of Joplin. Although MSSC has needs that will be met by this building, of even greater impact is the fact that

the facility will be available to the community over 85% of the time.

The availability of this facility will allow Joplin to bring events into the community that we are currently not capable of handling. Both the construction of the facility and the ability to increase with shows and events our draw of people in the area will have a significant economic impact.

The project appears to be cost-effective. First, the projected cost of a facility of the size and flexibility of the Civic Center appear to be in line. Second, although we are increasing the sales-tax on ourselves, some 60% of the total project revenue will come from people outside of Joplin who shop here. In other words, Joplin residents are paying 40 cents on the dollar for the Civic Center. Third, bond interest rates are low, so more revenue can go into construction. Fourth, there are a few, if any, arenas or convention centers that can operate without an underlying funding source, typically taxes.

The willingness of MSSC to assume the maintenance and staffing of the Center, yet allow most

of the use to be by the community, is a bargain.

Finally, almost four years ago the nearly 200 people involved in the Vision Joplin process endorsed the concept of a multi-purpose facility at MSSC. The reasons at the time related to the improvement in the quality of life, rather than the economic benefits, such a facility would bring. Those reasons are still valid. Joplin cannot attract any show that requires more than 1200 attendees to be successful. Whether it's a major country-western act, a circus, or the latest touring Muppets show, Joplin cannot even make a bid, unless the Civic Center is in place. Add the use by local groups for everything from indoor soccer to craft shows and all of these events bring a better quality of life to our residents.

Sincerely,

Bo Lee, Chairman
Rob O'Brian, President



On Campus

Southern Theatre
417-625-3190
Feb. 28-29, March 1-2—Camelot.
April 20-21—Peter and the Wolf.
Matthews Hall auditorium.
Feb. 13—Cul-de-Sac.
Feb. 27—Cangaceiro (The Bandit).
March 12—Casque d'Or.
(Golden Marie).
March 26—1 Am A Camera.
April 9—Fragment of an Empire.
Spiva Art Gallery
Now-Feb. 16—Faculty Exhibit
featuring works by every member of the art faculty, including Oran Henniksson of Sweden.
Feb. 23-March 15—Alumni Art Show featuring pastel landscapes by Gary G. Warren and Kimberly Kessel Leffen's portraits and figure works.
Webster Hall auditorium
Feb. 23—Langston Hughes Celebration: Guest Speaker Dr. Lucy Hayden brings to life the works of the African-American writer.
Taylor Auditorium
Feb. 14—Leipzig Chamber Orchestra.

Joplin

The Grind
781-7999
Tuesday nights—Open Mic Night.
Thursday nights—Movie Night.
Feb. 9—Triptych.
Feb. 10—Black Reign and Nebula.
Feb. 16—Accidents of Influence.
Feb. 17—Distractions.
March 1—Blue Cheese.
March 2—Triptych.
The Java House
659-8500
Feb. 9—Richard Johnson.
Feb. 16—King Friday.
Feb. 23—Greg Krutinger.
Bypass
624-9095
Feb. 9—King Friday and Georgia Overdrive.
Feb. 10—W.C. Clark.
Feb. 16—Don Shipp.
Feb. 23-24—The Cate Brothers.
Feb. 28 (Alternative Wednesday)—Missionaries.
March 1-2—A Picture Made.
Champs
782-4944
Feb. 9-10—Smoot Mahuti.
Feb. 16-17—Big Moe.
Feb. 23-24—Rhythm Station.
Kristy's (in the Holiday Inn)
782-1000
Feb. 9-10—Night train.
Feb. 11—Distractions.
Feb. 14—Comfortable Shoes.
Feb. 16-17—Missionaries.
Feb. 18—Walking on Einstein.
Feb. 25—King Friday.
Joplin Little Theatre
623-3638
Now-11—*I Do! I Do!*
George A. Spiva Center for the Arts
623-0883
Now-March 1—Missouri Arts Council's Visual Artists Biennial: including works by Dawn Marie Guernsey of St. Louis, Zhi Lin of Springfield, and Christopher Ketchie of Kansas City.
Feb. 6-March 1—Artwork of Jon Fowler in the Regional Focus Gallery.

Carthage

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
March 21-23, 28-31—The Housekeeper.

Springfield

Hammons Student Center
(417) 836-7678
March 29—DC Talk.

Kansas City

American Heartland Theatre
816-842-9999
Now-March 10—Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story.
Kemper Arena
816-274-1900
Feb. 14-18—The Wizard of Oz on Ice.
March 31—Michael W. Smith.
May 29—1996 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions.
Missouri Repertory Theatre
(816) 235-2700
Now-Feb. 11—The Belle of Amherst featuring Tandy Cronyn as Emily Dickinson.

JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

Newlyweds perform musical together

Acting couple plays husband, wife in local play, real life

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

After four months of marriage, as of opening night, Greg and Lisa Green are playing husband and wife onstage in Joplin Little Theatre's production of Tom Jones' musical *I Do! I Do!*

I Do! I Do! is a story about married life and its ups and downs. Caroline McGowan, the show's director, said she wanted people who were married to star together in the play.

"She didn't say they should be married to each other," said Greg Green, who plays Michael, "but it works out well."

This way there's no worrying about a husband in the audience getting jealous during the kissing scenes.

"Or a jealous wife," said Lisa Olliges Green, Agnes in the show.

The play follows the lives of Michael and Agnes from their wedding day in 1900, through the birth of two children, minor disagreements, a midlife crisis, and into their 70s, around 1950.

"It's a show that has something for everybody, of almost any stage of life, whether you're a couple with children, if you have children who are graduating, or if you're an older couple," Olliges Green said. "Probably everyone who sees it will be able to say, 'I remember what that was like.'"

One of the couple's problems arises when Michael, a writer, sells his first book.

"She (Agnes) thinks the book is dull and boring," McGowan said. "It happens toward the end of the first act. They work it out, though. They have to or there wouldn't be a second act."

"That's what the play shows," she added. "Back then couples stuck it out. Now they just give up and divorce."

McGowan has directed other productions at JLT.

She said she prefers to act, but there aren't enough parts that call for a mature actress.

The Greens are the only actors in the

show. All the scenes take place in the couple's bedroom, so they are onstage throughout the performance.

"There are times when he (Greg) will be offstage changing costumes while I'm onstage singing, or I'll be offstage changing while he's singing," Olliges Green said. "But for the most part we're onstage for the whole show."

Greg Green said doing this show was more of a physical strain than other musicals he has done.

The show has 22 songs, at least one of which was popular when the show first came out, around 1965.

"My Cup Runneth Over" was released by various popular recording artists, including Ed Ames.

The songs tell a good portion of the story in *I Do! I Do!*. One song takes the audience through the births of the couple's two children.

The Greens said being an actual married couple was an asset when it came to rehearsing for the show.

"We could sit at the breakfast table and go over lines," he said.

"We could say, 'This didn't work last night, what if we tried it this way?' Or, 'That really worked well.'"

They even practiced their dance steps in their living room.

The bed also plays an important part in *I Do! I Do!*. It was constructed to spin during the play.

"The bed is like a third character," Lisa Green said.

"At the end of the show it's even mentioned in a song."

As they are leaving the house, because it's gotten too big for them, they sing "What a good bed this was."

I Do! I Do! was written by Tom Jones, with music by Harvey Schmidt. It is based on the play *The Fourposter* by Jan de Hartog.

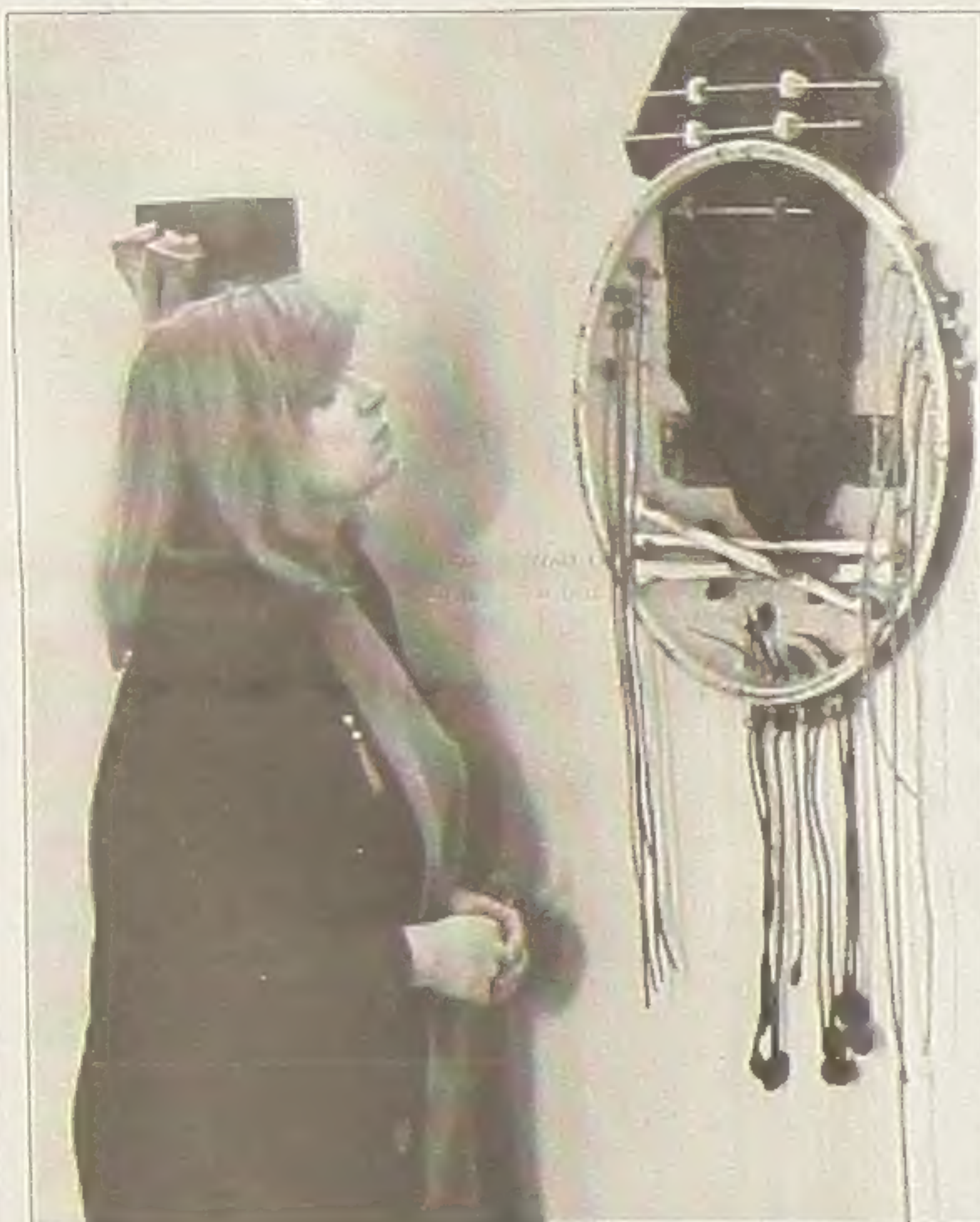
Showtime is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2:30 matinee Sunday at the Park Playhouse, First and Adams, at the north end of Schifferdecker Park.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

They may be purchased in advance by calling the JLT box office at (417) 623-3638. □

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

RAKU glazes, stoneware heighten ceramic exhibit



Donna Gilbreth, curator of the Spiva Center for the Arts, examines the works of Jon Fowler, professor of art, during the opening of his ceramics show Tuesday afternoon.

Professor displays works in Regional Focus Gallery

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Designs, colors, and textures brighten up the work of Jon Fowler. Fowler, professor of art and teacher of ceramics and sculpture, is holding an exhibit at the Spiva Center for the Arts in downtown Joplin.

The showcase is being held on the second floor of the building in the Regional Focus Gallery.

There are 41 pieces in the exhibit that is all ceramics—two-thirds Raku and one-third traditional stoneware.

RAKU, a ceramics art named after a Japanese family, takes far less time to fire than traditional stoneware.

"If you come in the exhibit to see plates and dishes, you'll be disappointed," Fowler said. "This show is not one that deals with functional pottery."

The pots, all wall hangings, range in size from 11 inches in diameter to four feet long.

The pieces are not just ceramic because Fowler has decorated them with other visual elements such as copper, sticks, beads, and feathers.

"John is really unique in his pieces; no one else does them like he does," said Donna Gilbreth, curator of Spiva.

"His work always turns out beautiful."

Fowler says although there is no theme in the traditional sense of the word, many of the pieces have bone images or resemble ancient things.

Some of his work has taken on a Midwestern concept which he says wasn't intentional.

He says he gets ideas for his pieces from a collaboration of images that happen over a period of time.

"You get an idea, let it lead you, and then pursue it," he said.

Unlike regular pottery, RAKU stays in the kiln until it heats up and then the door is opened and the pottery taken out.

"There is smoke and flames, so it is fun to watch at night," Fowler said.

"It makes it more dramatic."

RAKU is unsafe for eating and drinking because the firing process leaves it unsafe and the clay absorbs all kinds of different contaminants from being burned.

"RAKU pottery is really just for ornamentation," Fowler said, "but that doesn't mean it can't be used for functional purposes, things like flower vases."

The exhibit, which opened Tuesday, will run through March 1.

The gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. □

ART LEAGUE

Organization peddles chances to own artworks

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Chances to win original artwork and benefit Missouri Southern's Art League are being sold around campus.

Pieces donated by Jim Bray, head of the art department; Robert Schwiager, professor of art; Val Christensen, director of Spiva Art Gallery; and Jon Fowler, professor of art; along with alumnus Tom Edwards and sophomore art major Helena Beasley are on display in Spiva Library.

Included are paintings, ceramics works, and prints. Money raised from the event will help pay for the Art League's trip to Chicago on spring break.

"We usually take a big trip on spring break," said Jennifer Ertel, president of the Art League. "The last two years we went to St. Louis and Kansas City."

"We go and check out museums and galleries," she said.

The art pieces are divided into three lots.

Each lot consists of two works, and chance tickets are color coded to represent each lot.

Lot A features a watercolor painting by Bray and a ceramic pot by Beasley. Tickets for lot A are yellow.

Lot B contains a silk screen print by Schwiager and an oil painting by Christensen. Pink tickets represent lot B.

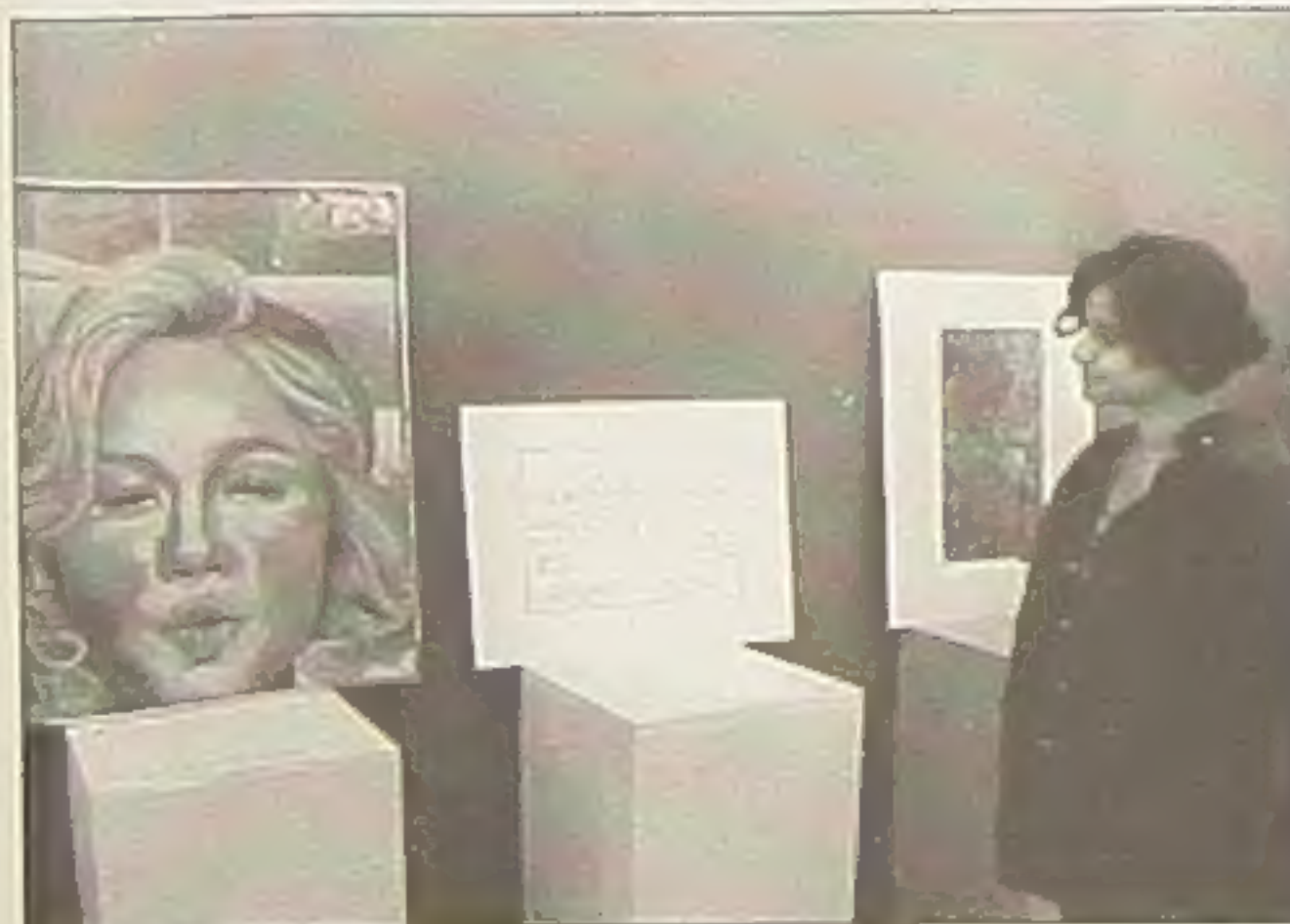
The third lot, lot C, is made up of a ceramic pot by Fowler and a monograph by Edwards. Tickets for lot C are identified by the color blue.

All of the items are original works.

Single tickets can be purchased for individual lots for \$2 a piece, or a combination of three tickets, one from each of the three lots, can be obtained for \$5. Tickets may be obtained from any Art League member.

"We usually take a big trip on spring break. The last two years we went to St. Louis and Kansas City."

Jennifer Ertel
President,
Art League



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Liliana Valencia, senior music education major, tries to decide which of the three lots of artwork she will try to win. The Art League is selling chances to win artwork by faculty members and students on Feb. 20.

"We will draw two tickets from each lot," said Christensen, Art League faculty adviser. "The holders of the first tickets drawn will have their choice of the items in that lot, and the second will get whatever is left."

Prize winners need not be present to win. They will be notified. All of the works will be awarded to winners, and all decisions are final.

"There's a remote possibility that

one person could win items from all three lots," Ertel said. "But that's not very likely."

The drawing is scheduled for noon on Feb. 20 in the Spiva Art Gallery.

"We want to have it done in time to count the money and see how much more we will have to ask the Student Senate for," Ertel said.

For more information, persons may call the art department at Ext. 9563. □

MSIPC

Competition announces 35 finalists

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

The boxes of audition video tapes and that special gleam in Vivian Leon's eye could mean only one thing: the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition is coming soon.

After sorting through applications from six continents, the competition has selected the 35 finalists for this year's competition.

Fifteen finalists from eight countries will compete in the junior portion of the competition, 17 years old or younger.

The senior division, 18 to 30 years old, will have 20 competitors.

"The junior division is so diverse that we have six alternates," said Leon, director of MSIPC.

PRO MUSICA

Burns to join Orchestra

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Pro Musica presents a night of classical music at 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Georg Moosdors, first violinist of the Leipzig Gewandhaus, Leipzig, Germany, one of Europe's oldest and most respected orchestras, will conduct the Leipzig Chamber Orchestra in a two-hour performance featuring selected works by Mozart, Telemann, Mendelssohn, and Copeland.

The concert will feature solos by American trumpet virtuoso Stephen Burns, who has been touring the United States, Europe, and Asia since 1960. He studied with Maurice Andre, who reintroduced the baroque trumpet concerto into classical music.

"These are just amazingly beautiful pieces of music," said Cynthia Schwab, founder and director of Pro Musica. "The baroque trumpet has a different sound than a contemporary trumpet: it's a sweeter sound."

The Leipzig Chamber Orchestra is internationally renowned for presenting innovative programming and musical excellence. The main focus of its concerts is the Vienna classical period. It opened its U.S. tour at New York's Carnegie Hall.

"This is going to be an absolutely beautiful concert," Schwab said. "For anyone who has considered listening to classical music but hasn't done so yet, this would be a perfect concert to begin with."

Ticket prices are \$12 for general seating, \$18 for premium seating, with student and senior citizen discounts available. Concert patron admission is \$50, which includes a preconcert buffet, preferred seating, and program listing.

Tickets are on sale at the Missouri Southern box office in Billingsly Student Center and at Ernie Williamson Music, 611 Main, Joplin. To order, persons may call 1-800-634-0975. For more information, persons may call (417) 625-0360. □



CYNTHIA SCHWAB/Special to The Chart

Stephen Burns (above) will play the baroque trumpet in a concert with the Leipzig Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 at Taylor Performing Arts Center. The performance, sponsored by Pro Musica, is \$12 for general seating, \$18 for premium seating, and \$50 for concert patron admission.



MSIPC: Competitors come from 19 countries

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"This is just in case someone can't make it."

One of the alternates comes from Tajikistan, a new country from the old Soviet Union.

"I had to go out and buy a new map," Leon said.

"I had never heard of that country before."

"The flags are not even made yet,"

she said. "I called up to order the new flags, and they tell us, 'I think they're making it, but we don't have it yet.'"

Besides Tajikistan, finalists come from the Philippines, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Poland, China, Mongolia, Korea, Russia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Brazil, Taiwan, Turkey, Bulgaria, Japan, Germany, Belarus, and the United States.

"This shows how international we are," Leon said.

"We bring only 35 a year, but it seems like every time we get someone from somewhere unique."

Applicants come from new countries every competition.

"These countries are just now opening up," Leon said. "They are just now finding out what is going on in the western world." □

IN YOUR EYE



By RYAN BRONSON

Emotions sail in 'White Squall'

Rave, rave, rave. If you venture in the movie theater even once this season, make it a point to see *White Squall*.

Imagine you are part of a sea-going crew, along with 10 or so other college students. The captain and first mate train you and the others to man the ship, an old 19th century sailboat. Ah! The thrill of the open sea—dangerous, yet exhilarating.

In *White Squall*, you'll get those feelings and more. A *Dead Poet's Society* at sea, *Squall* has all the characteristics of a blockbuster. It scored an 8 on the Bronson-tearjerker scale, 8 on the Bronson-action scale, 10 on the Bronson-intensity scale, and 10 on the Bronson-must see scale.

The movie begins with Chuck Wolf (played by newcomer Scott Wolf) deciding to enroll in a sailing school run by Captain Christopher Shelton (Jeff Bridges).

The captain teaches the group of young men to man the ship, appropriately called The Albatross. The Albatross travels to several destinations and the movie focuses on the crew's ability to get along despite interesting character flaws.

Although Bridges is the only big name star, Balhazar Getty, the star from "Lord of the Flies," plays an important role in the film.

Wolf, the story's main character, not only looks very much like famous actor Tom Cruise,

but he also has the same potential as an actor—dramatic, cute (don't worry—I'm secure in my own heterosexuality), intense, and effective.

The one thing that really impressed me about the movie was the intensity of the climax.

It has all the makings of a great tragedy at sea, but with a twist, literally.

Some movies, like *Speed* or *Die Hard* have you on the edge of your seat. This one will make you fall off it, but with the drama lacking in the prior mentioned duo.

Better than *Mr. Holland's Opus*, *Seven*, or *12 Monkeys*, *White Squall* will be a movie to remember when the Academy Awards come around next year. □

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Polanski ushers in spring season

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Suspense and terror highlight director Roman Polanski's *Cul-De-Sac*, the sixth film presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

The 1966 British film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium. *Cul-De-Sac* marks the first Polanski work shown in the 34 years of the International Film Festival.

"Polanski is one of the directors that we (the society) haven't paid much attention to, and we finally decided to get a sampling of his work in the film series," said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chem-

istry and director of the festival.

According to Kash, Polanski's films are distinctive.

"He has done some excellent things, and he has a brand of suspense that is rather unique," Kash said.

"He hasn't tried to imitate Hitchcock, but has his own style that's quite identifiable."

Kash said Polanski's approach shows another side to the ordinary.

"He can capture the commonplace and show that there is really evil lurking underneath the surface."

The film focuses on a couple, played by Donald Pleasance and Francoise Dorleac, who escape their busy lives in an isolated castle in northern England. Once there, the

couple are terrorized by a gangster and his accomplice, who have inhabited the castle.

Though *Cul-De-Sac* is now on video cassette, Kash said at least seven of the films in the series are not out on video.

"There's no rhyme or reason as to what will be on video and what won't be," he said. "So we try to make an opportunity to show the films that have not yet been put into that format."

Season tickets for the remaining five films are on sale at \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. □

NOTICE

MAY, JULY OR DECEMBER GRADS

Senior Assessment '96 is drawing near.

Any student who will be a '96 graduate is expected to participate. The deadline to register for the testing session is February 15. Assessment day is February 21 and Assessment Night is February 29.

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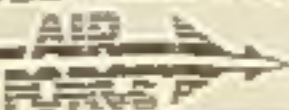
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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Camahan to honor Seneca football squad

An historical first is in store for the town of Seneca.

Missouri Gov. Mel Camahan will be in town Friday to congratulate the football team on its state championship.

Although this isn't Seneca's first state championship, Camahan is the first Missouri governor to visit the small southwest Missouri town.

He will be at Seneca High School from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. to recognize Tom Hodge as coach of the year and five players on the team for their all-state honors, as well as the entire team for its Class 3A championship.

A proclamation for the team will be presented in the high school gymnasium.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) will also be on hand. □

Singleton introduces lobbyist legislation

Lobbyists in Missouri may lose some of their power if a bill introduced by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) becomes law.

The bill would outlaw lobbyists from buying the General Assembly meals, beverages, or any "in-kind contributions."

The bill, however, does not stop lobbyists from making campaign contributions.

Singleton said the bill makes a distinction between a constituent and a lobbyist.

"We have laws that define what a lobbyist is," he said.

"A constituent is someone who is not employed to do what lobbyists do. Constituents are representing an interest, but aren't doing it for compensation."

Singleton also wants to stop lobbyists from paying for legislators' trips.

The bill also calls for the prohibition of General Assembly members and other statewide elected officials from acting as lobbyists for at least two years after vacating their position.

Singleton said the governor and other offices in the executive branch are already banned from lobbying, and he wants the legislative branch to follow the same guidelines.

Singleton introduced the same bill last year, but it was killed by the corrections and general laws committee. □

Senate hears two sides of speed limit issue

Speed limit increase legislation has been slowed in the Senate by factions wanting the speed limit on urban interstates increased, decreased, or to remain the same.

Sen. John Schneider (D-Florissant) said senators were having trouble coming to agreement on the urban interstate speeds and the constitutionality of delegating power to the highway department.

The House bill gives the highway department authority to raise and lower speed limits on roads in rural Missouri.

Schneider said this could be a problem because it may be an "unconstitutional delegation of legislative power."

Some senators want the urban interstate speed limit raised to 70 mph, but Schneider said many senators believe that speed is too dangerous.

"A substantial portion of the public drives 5 mph faster than the speed limit anyway, on the belief that they won't get caught," Schneider said.

"When the speed limit is set, people are generally going to drive 5 mph faster than that."

The Senate debated the speed limit bill Monday and is expected to bring it up again Thursday. □

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 bills mandate English as law

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the U.S. Congress embroiled in a bitter battle concerning a proposal to adopt English as the official language of the country, the Missouri General Assembly has taken up the fight as well.

Three bills, two in the House and one in the Senate, ask for Missouri to become the 23rd state to pronounce English as its official state language.

Not only are there bills before the legislature concerning the citizenry's grasp of English, but two bills, one in each house, are asking colleges and universities to test their faculty's fluency in the language.

Sen. Peter Kinder (R-Cape Girardeau) is sponsoring both Senate bills. At press time, both bills have had hearings before the Senate education committee.

"There was wide agreement that we need this bill and there is wide bipartisan support," Kinder said of the fluency bill.

However, on the House side, Rep. May Scheve (D-St. Louis) is sponsoring a similar bill as Kinder, but didn't share his feelings.

"I'm not real crazy about the bill," Scheve said. "I'm just doing it for the University of Missouri."

The Senate bill (SB 667) calls for a test to be given to all collegiate educators for oral, aural, and written fluency in English.

According to Kinder, a reason for the bill is because many students have trouble understanding their instructors.

But his bill doesn't address instructional facul-

ty at elementary and secondary schools.

"It's a higher education problem; it isn't a problem kindergarten through 12th grade," Kinder said.

Kinder's other bill, making English the official language of Missouri, hasn't quite been as controversial as the national proposal, but it has seen opposition.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Jewish Anti-Defamation League have opposed the bill, calling it restrictive.

Rep. Richard Franklin (D-Independence) is a sponsor of one of the House bills. He said some might believe the bills to be discriminatory, but he calls them "unifying."

"Having a common language is a real unifying factor," Franklin said. "More than one language is a dividing factor, as shown in Canada."

Franklin admits there are more reasons other than national unification for his bill. The representative stated Missouri has to print the driving tests in 11 different languages, and a common language law would change that and save the state money.

Franklin said 22 other states have common language laws, including California and Florida, two of the most heavily Hispanic states.

This is the second time Franklin has tried to introduce a bill that would mandate English as the common language. His first bill was so long and complicated, he said, that it died in committee because no one could understand it.

"I tried to simplify it," Franklin said.

The bill introduced this year by Franklin is only one section and three subsections long and contains slightly more than 100 words. □

HANGIN' WITH TOM



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Children from all over the state flocked to Jefferson City Wednesday to rally with teachers and parents against bills favoring outcome based education. Many kids surrounded the Thomas Jefferson statue in front of the Capitol.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Agency seeks scholarship funds

Minorities could get money for learning various sciences

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Dual bills that would create minority scholarships within the Department of Natural Resources are making their way through both houses of the General Assembly.

The House bill is sponsored by Rep. Mary Bland (D-Kansas City), while an identical Senate bill is under the guidance of Sen. Phil Curls (D-Kansas City).

"The reason for the scholarships is to provide opportunities for minority students who don't seem to have these specific academic orientations," Curls said.

The bills give scholarships to minority students who seek an undergraduate education in engineering, environmental sciences, chemistry, and law enforcement.

"We're trying to encourage an education in applied sciences and

environmental areas, whether it be sciences or the law," Curls said.

The need to involve minority students in natural resources was noticed by Bland, who introduced legislation and then passed the bill onto Curls.

"There is a small percentage of African-American students who go into natural resources and conservation," Bland said. "We just want to give incentives to get students interested."

The bills call for a minority environmental literacy advisory committee to be created to oversee the selection of students who will receive the scholarships. This committee would be chaired by the director of natural resources and requires a representative from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Lincoln University, and Harris-Stowe University.

The current director of natural resources is David Shorr, who testified during Senate hearings on the bill. The dean of applied sciences at Lincoln University, Mary White, also testified before the Senate in favor of the bill.

Curls said he hoped Lincoln

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Sen. Phil Curls
D-Kansas City

would benefit from having the scholarships. He pointed out the university's history of being a minority-based institution and said it would benefit scholarship recipients to study at Lincoln.

Currently, the bill before the Senate is outpacing its House counterpart, which hasn't even been heard by a committee yet.

"Just get it through is my motto," Bland said of the Senate's expediency. □

PUMPING UP



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Blood pressure screenings were a part of Home Care Lobby Day at the Capitol Jan. 30. Sen. David Klarich (R-Ballwin) receives a check from St. Louis nurse Lisa Green in a house hearing room.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Representatives testify for additional monetary awards

Non-resident tax to help collect funds for Missouri pupils

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Citizens from other states who work in Missouri may foot scholarship money for students from low-income families in pay incidental fees or other required fees at state-funded colleges or universities.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Mary Bland (D-Kansas City) went up for consideration by the House committee on higher education Wednesday.

The bill would install an earnings tax in Missouri for non-residents of the state.

The earnings tax would take 1 percent of an employee's income in endow scholarships that would pay fees not covered by existing scholarships.

"I've had this legislation for about five years, and the drawback is being able to fund it as a \$33 mil-

lion program," Bland said.

The bill she introduced this year differs from previous years because of the earnings tax proposal.

Bland said other states have passed legislation much the same. However, they fund what they can afford.

The bill makes students from homes with annual incomes of less than \$25,000 eligible for full scholarships. Partial scholarships will be given to students in households with annual income from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Students from homes with annual incomes more than \$35,000 are not eligible unless they can show "hardship because of large medical bills."

"We're talking about families that need some assistance," Bland said.

The earnings tax proposal will be for any non-resident employee, except those working in Kansas City. According to Bland, Kansas City already has an earnings tax.

Anyone living in another state but working in Missouri would be affected by the bill, but Bland cited Kansas, Arkansas, Illinois, and Oklahoma as the ones most likely to be affected.

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Rep. Mary Bland
D-Kansas City

Bland didn't say how many people would be affected by the proposal or how much money would likely be raised, but she did say she believed it wouldn't have a great impact on non-resident workers.

"I don't see anyone quitting their jobs because we're going to tax them a few dollars," she said.

The bill also sets guidelines for students who receive the scholarship and includes use by community college students.

No group argued against the bill, but Nathan Harris, who was at the Capitol for a class trip, testified before the committee that he thought the bill was unfair because

it taxed people who weren't going to see any benefit from the tax.

Scholarships were the main topic of discussion at the committee meeting. Rep. Emmy McClelland (D-Webster Groves) spoke on behalf of a bill she sponsored that would make minority teaching scholarships available to community college students.

McClelland said the idea came from a teacher at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley who told her funds weren't available to her students.

Scholarships are available to minority students who want to pursue a teaching career at a four-year

college or university. The bill McClelland co-sponsors with Rep. Rita Days (D-St. Louis) clarifies that community college students are also eligible for the scholarships.

"We're asking to change the law so that individuals who go to community colleges will be able to use scholarships," McClelland said.

The students at community colleges will have to pay back the scholarship money as if it were a student loan if they decide they don't want to pursue an education career.

Dr. Richard Black, president of SLCC-Meramec testified before the committee also.

"Community colleges are major entry points for minorities in education," Black said.

Black testified that 113 students at all three SLCC campuses were minorities.

McClelland also told the committee that roughly a third of the money allotted for the scholarships was being used. She said nearly \$50,000 of the \$150,000 granted for the scholarship program was being given out. □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big D leads to 'big win' for Lady Lions

Four starters break into double figures against Lady 'Cats

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Selfishness took a holiday as four Lady Lions scored in double figures in defeating Southwest Baptist University 81-68 Wednesday night.

Senior guard Melissa Grider

scored 30 points, junior center Marie Scott 22, senior forward Sandra Cunningham 15, and junior guard Nicole Heinz 12.

Missouri Southern climbed to 6-5 in the MIAA and 15-5 overall while knocking the Lady Bearcats to 6-5 and 14-7.

Scott chipped in on the defensive side with nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

"You have to be physical," she said. "The refs don't see it all, and they'll cheap shot you."

"You've just got to go in, play

hard every minute, and be as physical as you can be."

Cunningham gave the Lady Lions a needed lift late in the second half by scoring seven consecutive points.

"I'm just happy we won," Cunningham said. "I felt like we had good ball movement, and it gets better each game."

Head coach Carrie Kaifes said help came from everyone, not just the high scorers.

"I think everybody stepped up," she said. "April [Bailey] may not

score, but she does so many things out there that nobody even knows about."

"She passes well, she gets the rebounds, she plays great defense. She may look like she's getting burned, but she's not."

SBU took advantage of 12 Southern turnovers in building a 33-32 halftime lead. The Lady Lions had only four turnovers after intermission.

"They pressed us, and we did the right things against the press," Kaifes said. "Our only turnovers

came when we were careless."

The victory was important for the Lady Lions, who are looking for a berth in the MIAA post-season tournament.

"These last two games were big wins for us," Kaifes said. "We have to beat Lincoln or this is all a waste."

The Lady Lions travel to Jefferson City to play Lincoln University (2-8, 7-12) at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Southern returns home at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to take on Missouri Western. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern upends SBU 84-79

Farmer responds with 14 points after earning initial start

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

With consistent free throw shooting down the stretch, the basketball Lions slipped past Southwest Baptist University 84-79 at Young Gymnasium Wednesday night.

The victory ups Southern's record to 6-5 in the MIAA and 11-11 overall. SBU, in the midst of a two-game winning streak before Wednesday, falls to 4-7 in the conference and 7-14 overall.

Lions' head coach Robert Corn said strong performances at the charity stripe late in the game helped snap Southern's two-game skid. The Lions hit 20 of 28 free throws (74 percent) for the contest.

"No. 1, we got in the free throw line," Corn said. "That was something that we wanted to make sure that we did. In the last two games, we shot only seven [free throws] against Northwest [Missouri] and against

[University of Missouri] Rolla we only shot 12 [free throws]. Tonight we shot more than those two games combined."

In his first game this season as a starter, 6-foot-6 senior center Eric Farmer solidified Southern under the basket with 14 points, 12 in the second half. The Charleston, Mo., product scored 10 of the Lions' 12 points during a 3:41 span in the second half, putting the Lions up 63-55.

Farmer, who was averaging only 2.1 points a contest, said he saw the opportunity to start as a way for him to make something happen inside.

"When I got the start, I wanted to focus on drawing the foul and get them in foul trouble," Farmer said. "It really doesn't feel different than scoring 14 off the bench."

Corn said Farmer seemed to handle the starting role with poise.

"I feel like Eric did a real nice job," he said. "He got the opportunity and took advantage of it. What we tell our players is sooner or later the opportunity is going to knock and that you are going to have the opportunity to be a hero or a goat."

"He got the opportunity and took advantage of it...tonight, Eric was ready."

Robert Corn
Head men's basketball coach

"Tonight, Eric was ready."

Down 40-30 at halftime, Southwest Baptist took a quick 44-42 lead. Southern's Eddie Reece then went to work, scoring seven straight points, and the Lions never trailed again. Reece led Southern with 24 points.

"We have shot the ball poorly for some reason coming out of the second half," Corn said.

"We got good shots, but we just were not able to get them down in the second half. We have to do a better job of coming out with that killer instinct." □



Junior forward Greg Ray defends against Southwest Baptist's senior forward Gregg Schmiedding. Ray scored 11 points in the Lion's 84-79 win.

TRACK & FIELD

Blacketer improves record time; teams continue success

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

With another week of running, the Missouri Southern track squads had another chance to prove they can beat the competition.

"We're still improving week after week," said Patty Vavra, women's coach.

"Sonia Blacketer broke the record in the 5,000-meter event again, cut-

ting almost 13 seconds off her previous record-setting time.

"And Heather Hoyle, running the 400-meter event for the first time, goes out and places third and almost gets a provisional (the minimum qualifying standard to compete in the NCAA Division II national championships) with a time of just over one minute."

"All the girls are really working hard, they just keep improving, and it excites me to be a part of it."

The men's track team didn't go the weekend without its own excitement. "With all the ice and cold we really couldn't get outside," said Tom Rutledge, men's coach.

"We were really afraid that was going to hurt us, and it did in the longer events. But I was very pleased with how our shorter events turned out."

One of those who especially pleased Rutledge was Jason Ramsey.

"We went to two meets, Friday at Central Missouri and Saturday at the University of Kansas," Rutledge said. "Jason ran at both. At CMSU he won both the high jump and the 55-meter hurdles."

"Then at Kansas he took second in the hurdles and seventh in the high jump. I was really proud of his performance this weekend."

Rutledge was also pleased with James Thrash's performance. "James is recovering well from

the injuries he sustained in football," he said. "He ran a 6.43 in the 55-meter event (6.42 being a provisional), winning it, and he didn't even have a very good race."

He also won the 200-meter, with a time of 22.48. He is really coming along.

"The entire team is coming along quite well. They're working hard, and I'm really pleased with their performance. I really think we have a chance." □

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

Date, Time, and Place

Saturday Basketball

- Lady Lions at Lincoln, 5:30 p.m.
- Lions at Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.
- Baseball
- Lions vs. University of Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m.
- Track & Field
- Lions at Central Missouri, TBA.

Wednesday Basketball

- Lady Lions vs. Missouri Western, at Young Gymnasium, 5:30 p.m.
- Lions vs. Missouri Western, at Young Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

HOOPS



MIAA Stats & Honors



MIAA Standings

(As of Feb. 5)	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Northwest Missouri	15-4	8-2
2. Missouri-Rolla	16-4	7-3
3. Emporia State	10-10	7-3
4. Central Missouri	16-4	6-4
5. Missouri St. Louis	11-9	5-4
6. Missouri Western	13-7	5-5
7. Missouri Southern	10-10	5-5
8. Pittsburg State	9-11	5-5
9. Washburn	11-9	4-6
10. Southwest Baptist	7-13	4-6
11. Lincoln	7-12	2-8
12. Northeast Missouri	4-16	1-9



Lion Numbers

	pts	reb
10 Eddie Reece	20.0	45.7
14 Lance Robbins	3.2	36.8
20 Brian Taylor	0.9	28.6
21 Mario Phillips	9.4	43.0
30 Greg Ray	4.7	39.9
32 Torris Fisher	13.1	52.6
33 Kevin Shorter	11.1	43.1
40 baw Twiney	0.0	0.00
44 Eric Farmer	2.1	42.9
50 Herman Clay	0.8	21.4
52 Joe Drum	9.1	56.2
53 Matt Olson	7.4	42.0



MIAA Stats & Honors



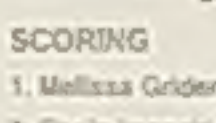
MIAA Standings

(As of Feb. 5)	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Central Missouri	16-2	8-2
2. Pittsburg State	15-5	8-2
3. Missouri-Rolla	16-4	7-3
4. Washburn	12-8	7-3
5. Southwest Baptist	14-6	5-4
6. Missouri Southern	14-6	5-5
7. Missouri Western	12-8	5-5
8. Northwest Missouri	12-8	5-5
9. Emporia State	11-9	5-5
10. Northeast Missouri	8-11	3-7
11. Missouri St. Louis	4-15	1-9
12. Lincoln	3-11	0-10



Lady Lion Numbers

	pts	reb
15 Nicole Heinz	7.1	48.4
20 Melissa Grider	41.2	26.4
21 Amy Phillips	2.1	47.1
23 Tonya Hooker	0.2	14.3
24 Chana Oldfield	1.2	33.3
34 Sandra Cunningham	9.0	42.1
35 Marie Scott	17.8	58.5
40 Lonn Pope	0.8	33.3
41 Amy Huber	2.2	45.8
43 Mandy Olson	1.3	37.5
44 Stephanie Plemons	0.5	26.7
45 Mandy Shaw	11.9	48.5
50 April Bailey	7.4	51.9



MIAA Standings

(As of Feb. 5)	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Melissa Grider, sr, MSSC	28.4	ppg
2. Sheila Leopold, jr, LU	19.0	ppg
3. Bertha Paschal, jr, CMSU	18.9	ppg
4. Marie Scott, jr, MSSC	17.8	ppg
5. Jenni Miller, jr, PSU	16.8	ppg
6. Rachel Matikas, sr, CMSU	16.6	ppg
7. Jenny Pracht, sr, PSU	16.6	ppg
8. Becky Reichard, sr, UMR	16.5	ppg
9. Nikki Oberding, sr, WU	16.0	ppg
10. Amy Pillard, sr, NMSU	15.5	ppg
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE		
1. Jenni Miller, jr, PSU	84.7	pc
2. Christie Williams, sr, UMR	83.0	pc
3. Tobi Rees, jr, UMR	80.0	pc
4. Nikki Oberding, sr, WU	78.9	pc
5. Becky Reichard, sr, UMR	76.0	pc
6. Melissa Grider, sr, MSSC	74.5	pc
7. Sheila Leopold, jr, LU	74.1	pc
8. Toni Wood, jr, MWSC	74.0	pc
9. D.J. Martin, sr, UMSL	72.4	pc
10. Rachel Matikas, sr, CMSU	71.8	pc
REBOUNDS		
1. Marie Scott, jr, MSSC	13.2	ppg
2. Stacy Humphrey, sr, ESU	9.8	ppg
3. Danielle Box, sr, SBU	8.7	ppg
4. Rachel Matikas, sr, CMSU	8.5	ppg
5. Amy Pillard, sr, NMSU	8.4	ppg
6. Tobi Rees, jr, UMR	8.22	ppg
7. Jenny Pracht, sr, PSU	8.16	ppg
8. Heather Harman, jr, UMR	8.0	ppg
9. Amy Eagan, sr, NMSU	7.7	ppg
10. Emily Shopper, jr, WU	7.4	ppg

Sports SCOPE

Speech comes from family, not athletes

Week! Did you hear that F-word? I shriek every time I hear it, but I catch myself saying it every time I lose my temper or need to stress a certain statement. Sure, it makes me sound unintelligent and feeble-minded, but it's just so...whoops...difficult to stop from saying it sometimes.

A few weeks ago, USA Today and a few other papers made much ado about some four-letter words spoken on live television after the AFC and NFC championship games. Give me a break.

One columnist made it sound as though letting football players get away with using bad language was just the beginning, that it will all start to add up and severely corrode our society. Please.

The worst that could happen is the words eventually would become a regular part of our language. (Some could argue that they already have, to a certain extent.)

Let's face it—athletes cuss. Cussing is a part of violent sports. It is an effective way to get teammates fired up, and to get yourself fired up for a game, match, contest, or otherwise. I was once an athlete as I'm sure many of you were, too. I never stepped on a field, court, or playing surface without hearing bad language, to one extent or another.

In the grand scheme of it all, how much damage can a few bad words do anyway? Only makes the person who uses the language that much more of an idiot. Trust me, I know from personal experience.

According to most of those who oppose the bad language on TV, the main problem with it is its effect on our children. Now, I don't have any children, but I was a child for much of my life. In fact, I get accused of being a child almost every day.

People who think they can shelter their children from bad language by using athletes and TV shows as scapegoats are probably causing more damage to their children than any four-letter word. We should be teaching our children that negative language makes them sound unintelligent to those around them. Sheltering them just makes them more susceptible to these negative behaviors later on in life.

Also, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that children hear four-letter words after four-letter word after four-letter word from their classmates at school. But, in the end, children are going to speak like their parents. Use yourself as an example. Do you speak like your parents or like Ward Cleaver? From my experience, males often get their speech patterns and mannerisms from their fathers, and females often get theirs from their mothers.

So, before you whine and bitch (five-letter words can be dangerous, too) about what you see on television, remember this: A four-letter word from a parent will do 10 times the damage as a four-letter word from a linebacker or a wide receiver. □

Ryan J. Bronson



Ryan Bronson
Executive Editor

FOOTBALL

Lions snag 14 recruits

Southern picks up six linemen during first day of signing

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Fourteen high school seniors signed letters of intent Wednesday to play football next season at Missouri Southern, including nine from southwest Missouri.

Head coach Jon Lantz said unlike in the past, his coaching staff is finding it easier to recruit local talent.

"We are more well received in southwest Missouri than we ever have been," he said. "I attribute that to our success on the field, but also I attribute that to the fact that each year Southern has been looked upon with more credibility. People now know you get a great education at Southern."

"Seven years ago, we didn't even have any local kids interested in playing football for us."

Lantz said Joplin High School senior Tyler Wooldridge, who played his senior season at quarterback, will be tried at tight end.

"In my mind he is the best Joplin recruit in my seven years at Southern," Lantz said. "He's tall (6-foot-3), he can run, and he is very athletic."

Southern also picked up Carl Junction's Mark Lewandowski, who hit 46-yard and 42-yard field goals in the same game last season.

Hoping to fill the void left by the graduation of senior tailback Albert Bland, who rushed for 1,080 yards in his final campaign, the Lions picked up two running backs in Scott Daniels (Carthage High School) and Lydell Williams Jr. (Hannibal High School).

Lantz said Williams has some interesting family ties to the Lions' football program.

"His father, Lydell Williams Sr., was our tailback in 1972 and led us to the NALA Division II national championship," Lantz said. "We feel very fortunate to have him."

The Lions also focused on corraling some big bodies to beef up

their offensive and defensive lines. Of the 14 recruits, six were linemen.

Lantz said the most impressive recruit physically was Robert Ilaoa, a 6-2, 310-pound defensive lineman from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla.

"He is a Samoan kid who is just huge," Lantz said.

"You would think 6-2, 310 pounds would be obese, but when he walks through the door, he fills it. He is anything but obese; he's huge."

Other recruits include Jarrett Cook, a linebacker from Seneca High School; Darin Griest, a 6-3, 290-pound offensive lineman from Ozark High School; Brad Harris, a linebacker from Sand Springs, Okla.; Rob Harryman, an offensive lineman from Neosho High School; Daren Jones, an offensive lineman from Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis; Dan Mullins, a tight end from Republic High School; Dave Puckett, a center from Kickapoo High School in Springfield; and Dusty Van Gilder, a linebacker from Lamar High School. □

BUCKET AND THE BRUISE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Lady Lions' guard Sandra Cunningham attempts a shot against SBU Wednesday. Cunningham scored 15 points in a 81-68 victory.

BASEBALL

Hogs spoil Southern's opener

The University of Arkansas put a damper on Missouri Southern's season opener with a 15-2 thrashing of the baseball Lions Wednesday.

The Razorbacks, a Division I program, brought home four runs in the fourth and fifth innings putting the game firmly in the Hogs' favor.

The Lions only runs came in the fifth and eighth innings.

Brian Kuhn, a freshman outfielder and Joplin High School product, opened the fifth inning with a walk, but was replaced by pinch runner Andy Buchanan.

Senior short stop Joe Thiel singled Buchanan to second. Two batters later sophomore outfielder Stephen Crane brought home Buchanan with a sacrifice fly.

Southern's other run came when senior catcher Bryce Darnell came home on a ground out by freshman outfielder Chris Raffin in the eighth inning. □

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always watched them (cheerleaders) and so that was a lot of it," she said. "They let me be the little mascot when I was in elementary school."

From this beginning Hodge went on to become an all-American cheerleader her junior year at Seneca High School.

"I went to Hawaii and cheered in the Aloha Bowl," she said. "My parents didn't go with me, I didn't know any girls at all, I just got on the plane and went, but it was so much fun."

"We stayed there eight days over Christmas, so I wasn't with my family, and that was kind of sad, but it was a good experience."

Hodge said her interest in education also began in grade school.

"I decided in the third grade that I wanted to be a teacher, and I just stuck with it," she said. "I love all of my classes that have to do with my major, so I think I'm going to like it."

Hodge and her mother both work at Kids Korner Day Care in Seneca.

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Southern cheerleader

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"That's the best job in the world," Hodge said. "I love it."

"The kids there are about [ages] 2 through 6, so they are younger than what I would be teaching."

In the future Hodge hopes to be teaching early elementary, married, and have four children. There is one thing she does not want, however.

"I don't want any pets," she said. "I would like to be a cheerleading coach, but if I'm not that would be OK." □

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impact the civic center would have on the Joplin community, as well as its construction and its availability for shows and events at the College.

"The preliminary numbers on the construction are very positive as far as economic impact," O'Brian said.

"The numbers on the operations of the center on a very preliminary basis seem positive, but we will have the final numbers as early as next week."

O'Brian said the board's main consideration concerning the

Joplin Civic Center was the quality of life of the present and the impact a civic center would have on the quality of life in the future.

"Nearly four years ago, some 200 people in the Joplin Vision process endorsed the concept of such a center at Missouri Southern State College," he said. "It was the belief at that time, still true today, that we miss out on many entertainment and recreational opportunities for all of our citizens, simply because we don't have a suitable facility."

Ron Richard, mayor of Joplin, said he thinks the two proposals

are a sign of the steps Joplin is taking to make life better for the citizens of our community.

"Is there an earthquake in here, or is Joplin moving?" Richard asked.

"The benefits to the community are numerous. We are now recognizing where we want to go and what we want to be."

O'Brian said while the center would be located on the Southern campus, the community will be as much a factor in its operations and events.

"While certainly a civic center will enhance Missouri Southern

and its continued growth and development as a learning institution in southwest Missouri," O'Brian said, "more than 85 percent of the use of the facility would be by the community."

College President Julio Leon said he was pleased with the Chamber's decision to endorse the civic center.

"There is a vision now that this city is optimistic about itself and is looking forward to these two projects," Leon said.

"That will progress the advancements that this city is making." □

BUSINESS: Possibility of major events promising for Joplin

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out in this region, and hopefully people will realize a center of this type is something Joplin needs in order to grow.

"We are a corporate hotel, which specializes in providing for the business traveler," he said.

"But I think if we can get this type of facility it would bring weekend events to Joplin and

therefore increase our weekend numbers."

Sandy Schwartz, general manager of Steak 'N Shake on Range Line, said she thinks because the restaurant is open 24 hours a day, it would benefit from the proposed center.

"Anytime there is an event at Memorial Hall, it affects our business quite a bit," Schwartz said.

"And with this center, I think we could, if it is passed, see a larger jump in customers."

Georgia Turner, marketing director at Northpark Mall, said the mall and the proposed Joplin Civic Center would work together if the project passes.

"We already benefit from the students and activities located at the College now," Turner said. "This

would be an excellent preview place of attractions coming to the center, so we could give publicity to the events, because of the six million people who pass through here each year."

"The mall would be a great avenue for the events center's publicity. And in return, we would receive business through tourist shopping while they visit." □

PHON-A-THON: Callers have 'jovial' time, interesting calls

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students competing against each other this afternoon," she said.

"We try to tell the people we call what we bought with the money we got last year and to let them know we spend it wisely."

Susan Cook, senior nursing major, is also a 1979 B.S.B.A. graduate of Southern.

"It (volunteering) is a tremendous thing," she said. "It's an opportunity to see it from the other side."

Cook said one benefit of donating money is that the person donating can designate an area to receive the funds.

"They can specify to the scholarship fund, to the general fund, to the music department, whatever," she said.

"We try to push the nursing department. It's a very worthwhile cause."

Cook said her husband graduated from Southern's nursing program in 1981.

"Now I'm having the opportunity to contact people my husband graduated with," she said.

"I'm talking to people I haven't heard from in years. It's a lot of fun."

Cook said she has had a few interesting calls.

"My first call, I got a \$25 pledge," she said. "Of course, it was from my husband. I saw his card on the stack and called him up."

To volunteer for the Phon-A-Thon, call Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, at 625-9354 or stop by the Alumni House.

Cook said she also called a man in Texas who was cooking on a grill outside.

"He said the temperature there was 70 degrees," she said.

"I told him to send some of that down here, and got a donation in boot." □

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